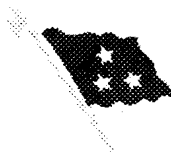


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You are about to embark on an interesting, colorful, and I hope, rewarding tour of duty in the Republic of China. This is a country with long ties of friendship with the United States. While you are here you will experience superb hospitality from our hosts. In return, as befits the United States' judgement of your high professional and personal standards, your task is to reciprocate with American courtesy and friendship, dedicating yourselves to contributing to the mutual objective of freedom shared by our two countries.

Life here, as in many places, is a merger of a unique opportunity for family life coupled with the variations in living patterns inevitably associated with another culture. You will find the traffic practices different; the housing adequate, though requiring reasonably high move in expenses; and the food and sightseeing on this beautiful island superb. The availability and cost of household help should permit a "sabbatical" for wives; and, a wealth of shopping opportunities to gain the oriental flair in household decorating.

This booklet has been prepared by those who have lived here and is a compilation of information gained and recommendations made as a result of experience. I urge that you study it prior to your arrival. Nonetheless, the key ingredient to a successful and rewarding tour here can be found in the Golden Rule -- Do unto others as you would have others do unto you! Stated another way, Confucius said some 2,500 years ago, -- "What you do not wish to be done to yourself, do not do unto others." This philosophy is a great guiding principle anywhere.

I congratulate you on your assignment to what I predict will be one of your finest tours in the service of your country.

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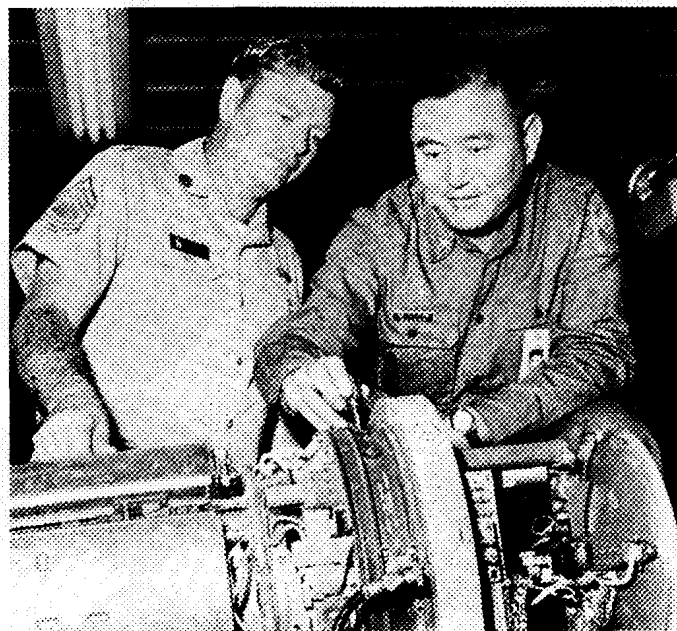
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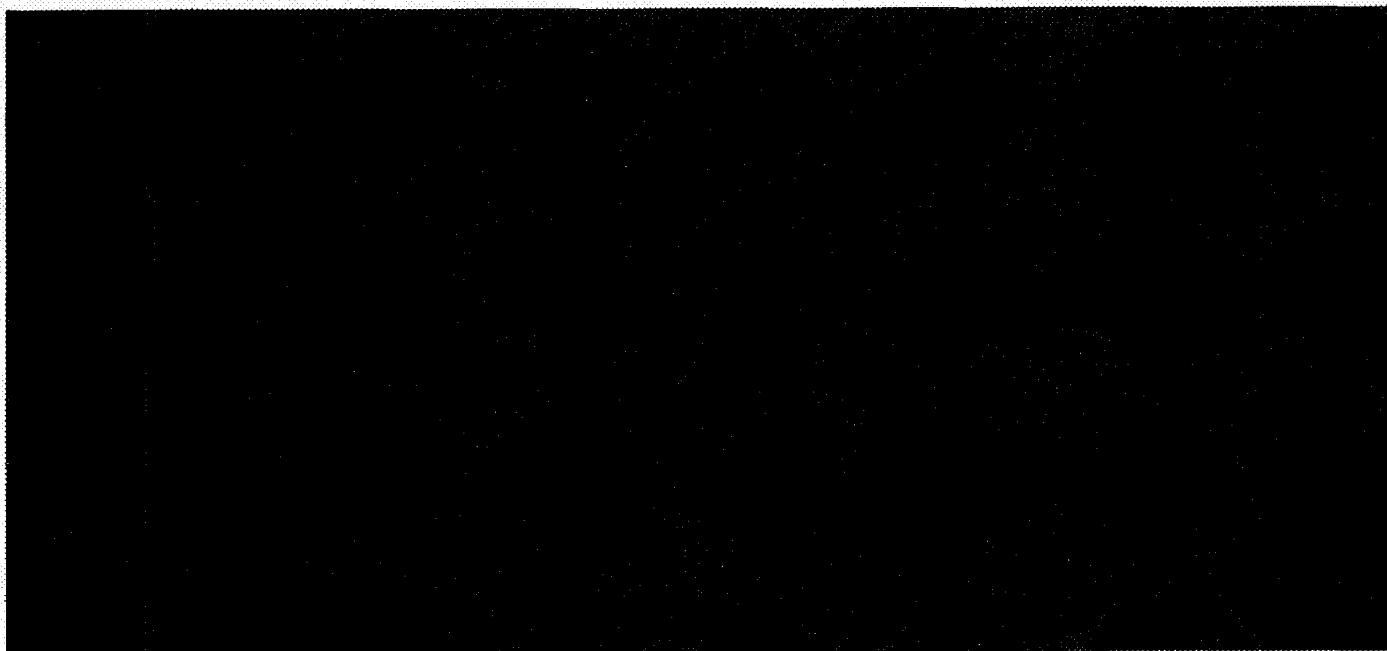
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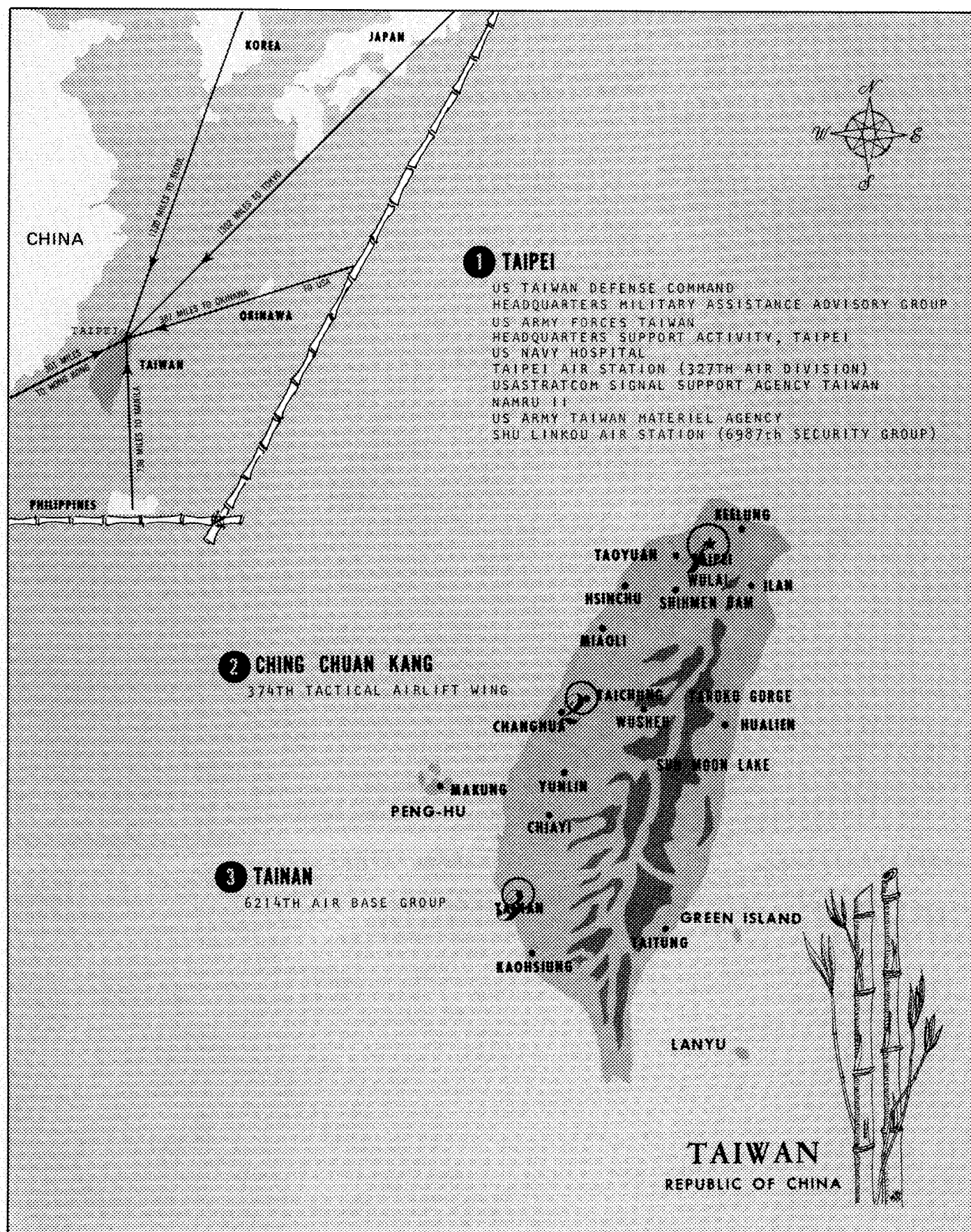
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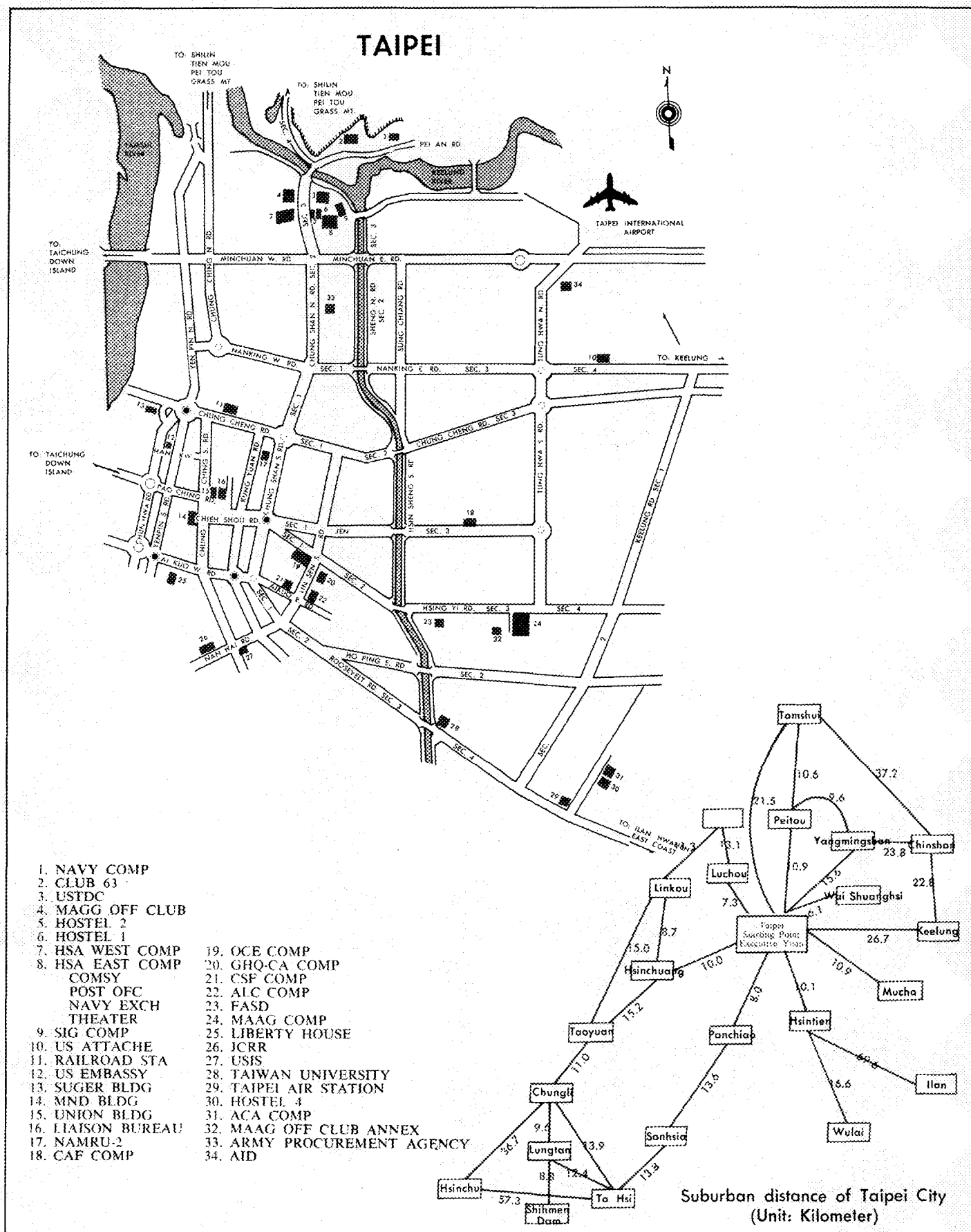
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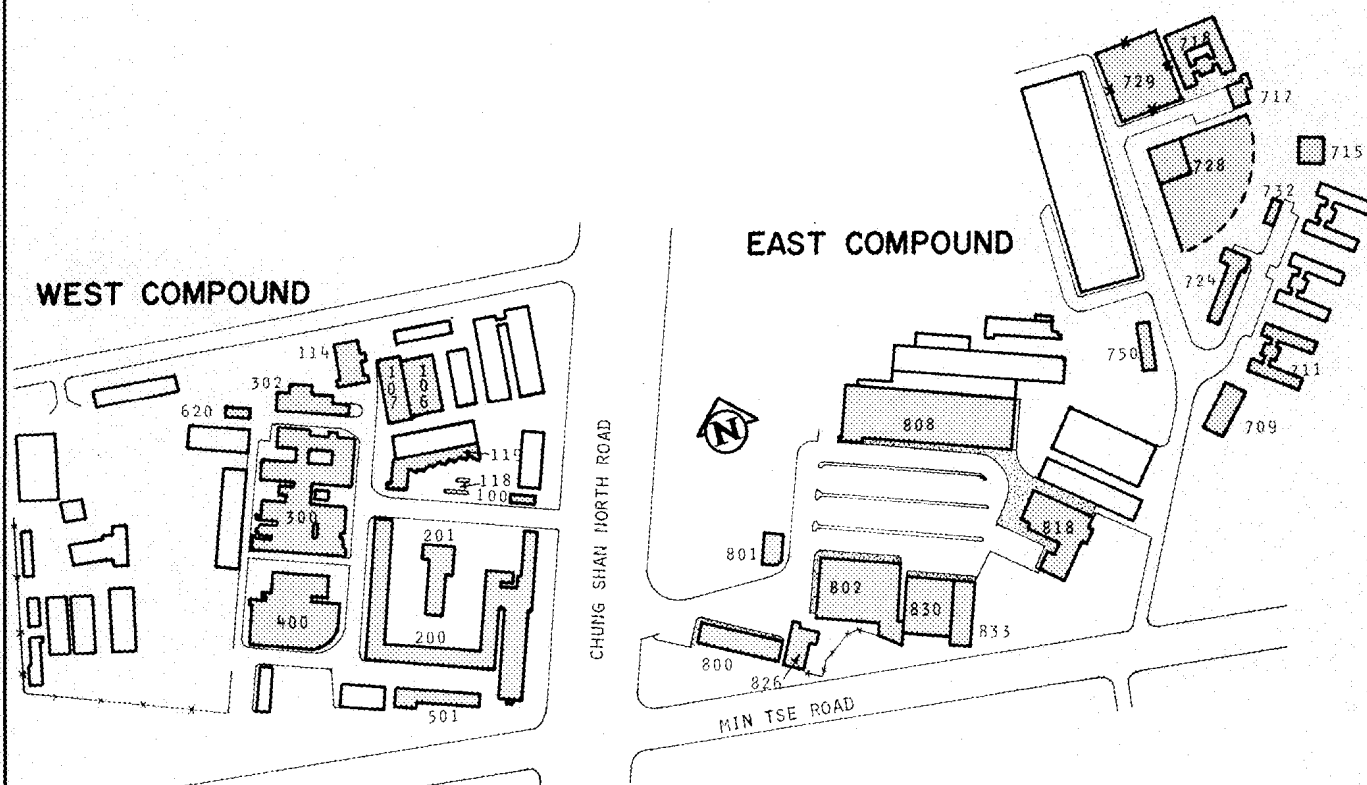
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WEST COMPOUND

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107 NEX FOOD STORE
114 DISBURSING OFFICE
118 SERVICE STATION
119 NEX SERVICE STATION
200 ADMIN BLDG/SMALL STORE/NEX/
GIFT SHOP/CHILD CARE CTR
201 CHAPEL
300 ADMIN BLDG/NEX MAINT SHOP/
BANK/EDUCATION CENTER
302 EMBASSY SALE SHOP
400 BOWLING ALLEY/NEX CAFETERIA/
SERVICE OUTLET
501 HOUSING/PW MAINT SHOPS
620 NEX MAINT STORAGE

EAST COMPOUND

709 MESS HALL
711 NEX TOY/SHOE STORE
715 ATHLETIC BLDG
717 AUTO HOBBY SHOP
718 MAINT/CRAFT HOBBY SHOP
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728 SOFTBALL FIELD
729 TENNIS COURT
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800 POST OFFICE
801 WRAPPING SERVICE
802 NEX RETAIL STORE
808 COMMISSARY STORE
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830 NEX RETAIL STORE
833 NEX SERVICE CENTER
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Downtown Taipei.



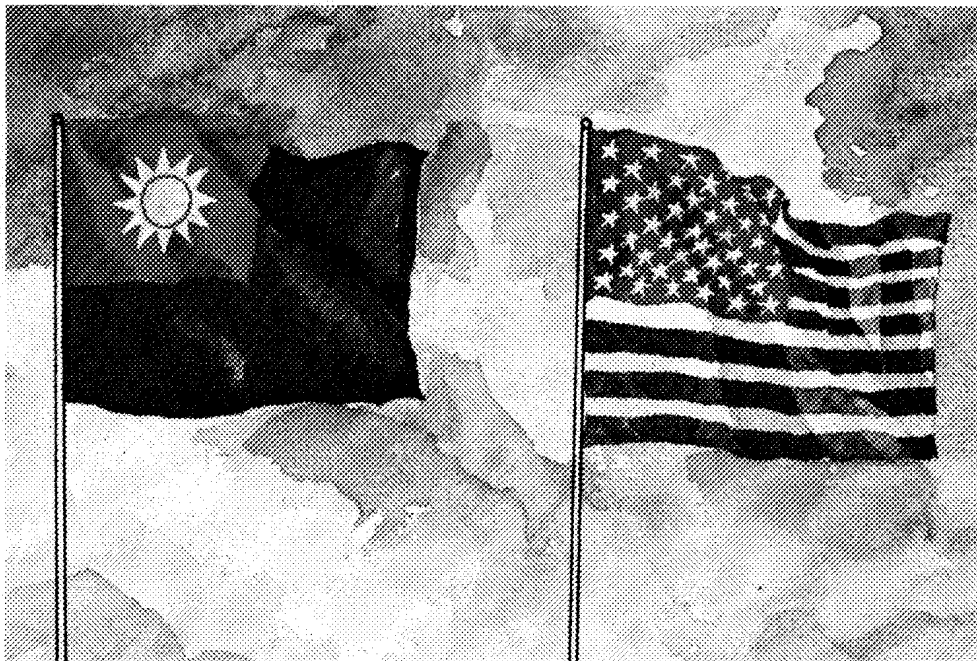
Taipei City Park



Children of Taiwan

Chapter 1

U.S. Military Units



United States Taiwan Defense Command

The United States Taiwan Defense Command is a sub-unified command which reports directly to the Commander-in-Chief Pacific (CINCPAC). The command is composed of personnel from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and has its headquarters in Taipei.

Operational since November 1955, USTDC is a planning headquarters for the defense of Taiwan and the Pescadores. In the event of hostilities, the Commander, USTDC, assumes an operational role and coordinates with the Government of the Republic of China in the defense of Taiwan and the Pescadores. In the event of such a contingency, three existing service commanders will report to the U.S. Taiwan Defense Command commander. The 327th Air Division commander will be the air component commander, the Taiwan Patrol Force commander will be the naval component commander, and the Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) will be the Army component commander.

In addition to planning and peacetime responsibilities, the Commander of USTDC has been assigned as the Single Senior Military Representative of Commander-in-Chief Pacific (CINCPAC). As such, he serves as CINCPAC's single military spokesman on Taiwan — exclusive of the military assistance program — and assumes responsibility for coordinating administrative and other policy matters for all U.S. armed forces on Taiwan on behalf of CINCPAC.



United States Military Assistance Advisory Group

Headquarters, U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group, Republic of China and its Navy and Air Force senior advisors (MAAG) are located in Taipei. The senior Army advisor is located in Lungtan, approximately one hour's drive from Taipei.

Gradual reduction of personnel authorizations during past years has culminated in a pending proposal by the Chief of MAAG to reorganize into an organization emphasizing areas of budget assistance, system and cost analysis and programming, thereby better designed to assist the ROC in their progress in such areas.

The current mission of MAAG is to assist and advise the ROC Armed Forces toward increasing self-sufficiency, participating in collective security, participating in joint and combined exercises and in developing bases and facilities. MAAG also assists and advises the Republic of China with developing its foreign military sales program.

Operational on Taiwan since 1951, MAAG is the oldest American military unit in Nationalist China.

The Chief of MAAG reports directly to Commander-in-Chief Pacific and concurrently acts as Commanding General, United States Army Forces Taiwan.

**327th Air Division**

The 327th Air Division (AD) exercises command over all United States Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) organizations on Taiwan.

With Headquarters at Taipei Air Station, the 327th AD reports directly to Thirteenth Air Force at Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines. The Commander of the 327th AD also acts as senior Air Force advisor for MAAG, and for contingencies, becomes COMUSTDC's air component commander.

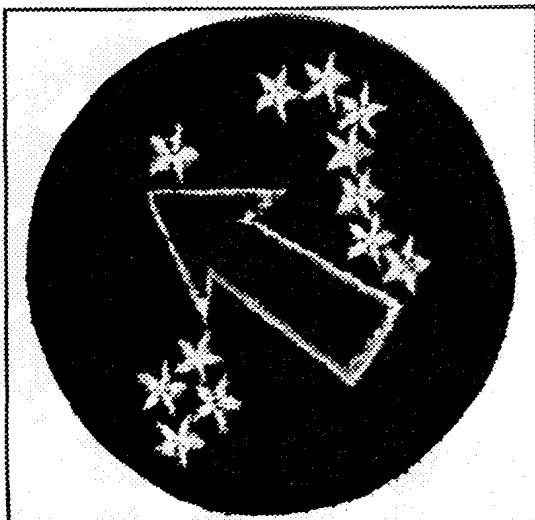
Division personnel, which make up approximately 60 per cent of the American servicemen on Taiwan, are stationed at Taipei Air Station; Ching Chuan Kang (CCK) Republic of China Air Base, near Taichung; Tainan Republic of China Air Base near Tainan; and at remote radar sites throughout the island.

Flying (consisting of theater airlift forces) and support units of the 327th AD perform numerous and varied missions for PACAF operations throughout the Western Pacific.

**United States Army Forces Taiwan**

Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Taiwan (USARFT), was activated in Taipei in April 1971.

The Chief of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group, Republic of China, is also Commanding General of USARFT. When directed by the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army Forces Pacific, he prepares contingency plans and coordinates support for all U.S. Army units/activities on Taiwan.



Headquarters Support Activity, Taipei



Headquarters Support Activity (HSA), Taipei, is a United States Navy subordinate command of Commander Service Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The mission of HSA is to provide administrative and logistic support to Headquarters, U.S. Taiwan Defense Command; the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group, Republic of China; Fleet Units; and other activities and units as directed by the Chief of Naval Operations; and to promote positive relations between the Command and the local foreign community.

Although a majority of HSA personnel are stationed in Taipei, members of the organization are also assigned to HSA detachments in Taichung and Tsoying.

HSA provides most of the services American government employees need in order to work and live comfortably in the Taipei area, which covers everything from exchange facilities to theaters and bowling alleys.

All American military personnel stationed in the Taipei area must check in and receive clearance from the HSA Housing Office before moving into a private rental or into Bank of Taiwan (BOT) housing.

Applications for Commissary, Exchange and Chinese identification cards are processed by the HSA Provost Marshal Office (PMO). The PMO also processes requests for private vehicle registration and for the purchase and sale of controlled items.

USASTRATCOM Signal Support Agency, Taiwan



The United States Army Strategic Communications Command Signal Support Agency — Taiwan (USASTRATCOM), with headquarters in Taipei, has the major communications mission in the Republic of China.

A subordinate unit of USASTRATCOM-Pacific, with headquarters at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, it is the largest Army unit on Taiwan.

STRATCOM-Taiwan provides routine and special communications support to authorized U.S. military agencies and installations within the Republic of China. It also provides planning and operational support for Commander U.S. Taiwan Defense Command and Chief, U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group, ROC.

The organization accomplishes its numerous and varied communications tasks through its Defense Communications System Facility (DCS), located approximately eight miles northeast of Taipei on Grass Mountain; a Systems/Detachment based on nearby Gold Mountain; fixed sites located throughout Taiwan; and detachments which operate telephone exchanges throughout the island.

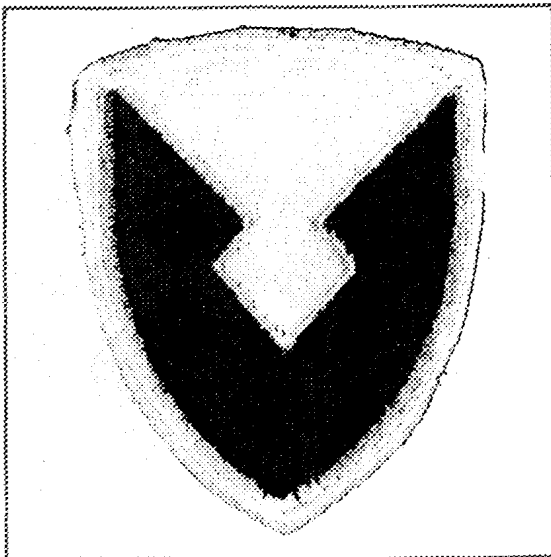
STRATCOM was originally formed as a signal detachment which was co-located with MAAG, ROC.



6987th Security Group

The United States Air Force's 6987th Security Group operates Shu Lin Kou Air Station approximately 12 miles north of Taipei.

The 6987th is under the command of the U.S. Air Force Security Service (USAFSS). The USAFSS provides communications services for the U.S. Aerospace Forces to insure that information transmitted by electrical means is safeguarded enroute to its destination.



United States Army Taiwan Materiel Agency

The U.S. Army Taiwan Materiel Agency (TMA), with Headquarters in Taipei, is a Class II activity of the United States Army Materiel Command (USAMC).

Since early 1970, the agency has been charged with the mission of managing, via contractual arrangements, the overhauling and rebuilding of military equipment in support of USAMC programs.

This organization is the only Army Materiel Command unit overseas which has an operational mission.



United States Naval Medical Research Unit Number Two

The United States Naval Medical Research Unit Number Two (NAMRU-2), located in Taipei, conducts research and development in the biomedical sciences and provides essential information on diseases and medical problems of military significance.

NAMRU-2, which comes under the operational control of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C., recommends control measures and performs analytical studies for communicable diseases. Doctors and research teams of this unit are in active collaboration with universities, local and worldwide. Currently, NAMRU-2 and its detachments are conducting studies on Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia and throughout South-east Asia when called upon for special medical assistance.

Other Organizations...

Other U.S. military units in the Taipei area include: U.S. Navy Commissary Store, Taiwan; 6213th Air Base Squadron; 2165th Communications Group; 7th Fleet Detachment A; Taiwan District, U.S. Air Force Postal and Courier Region; U.S. Army Security Field Station; Office of Special Investigations, District 49; and Detachment 1, 69th Military Airlift Support Group,

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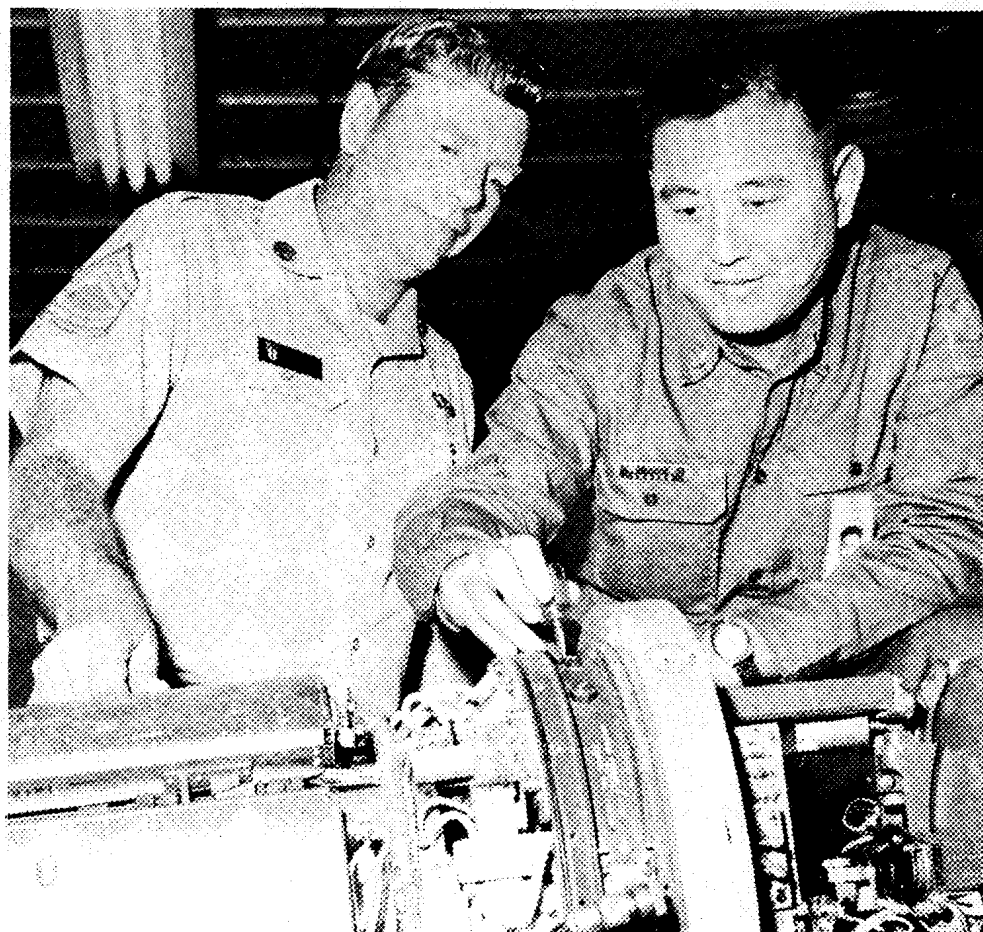
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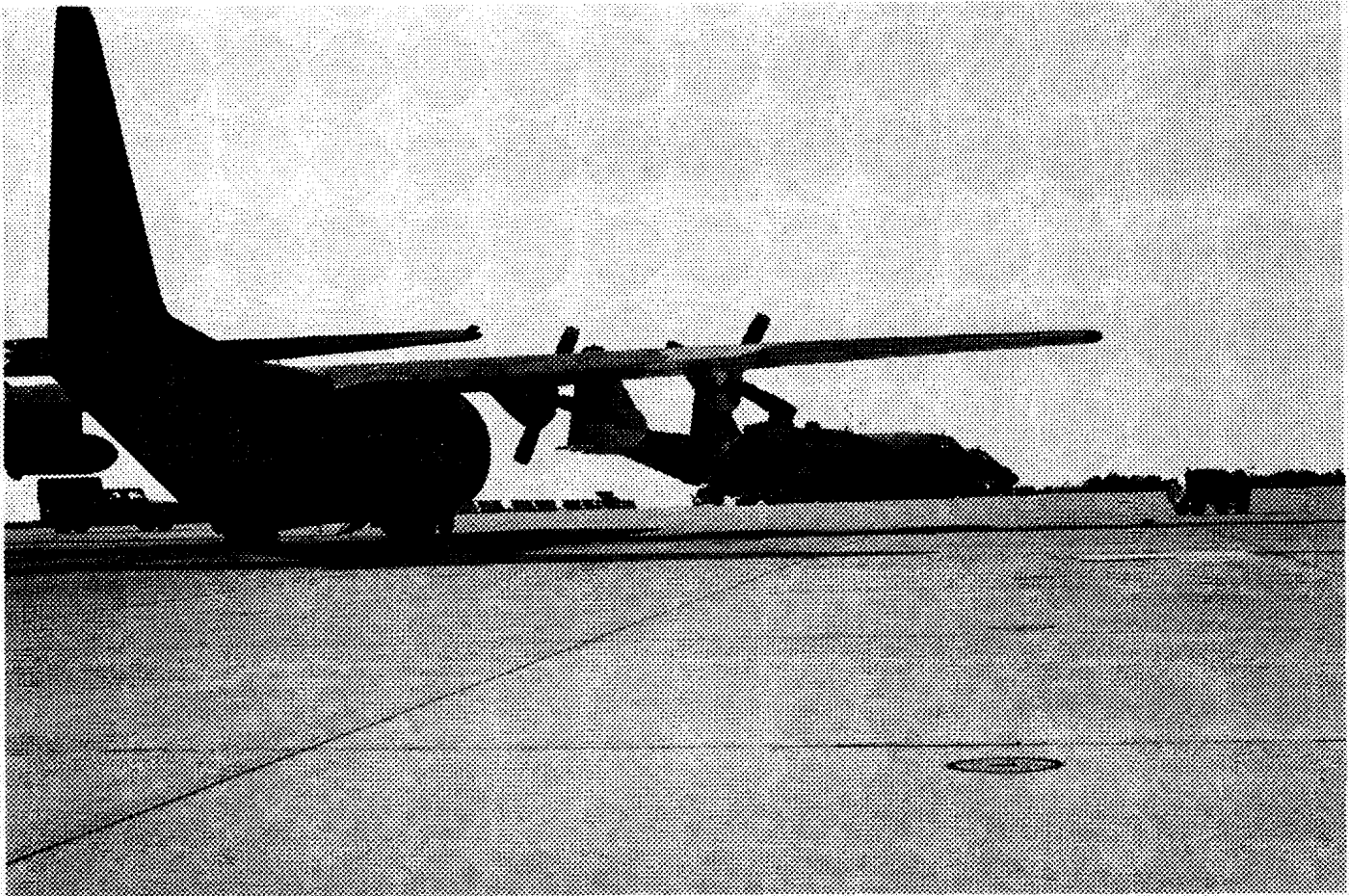


Entrance to Headquarters,
United States Taiwan Defense
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A MAAG advisor provides
instructional assistance to a
Nationalist Chinese soldier



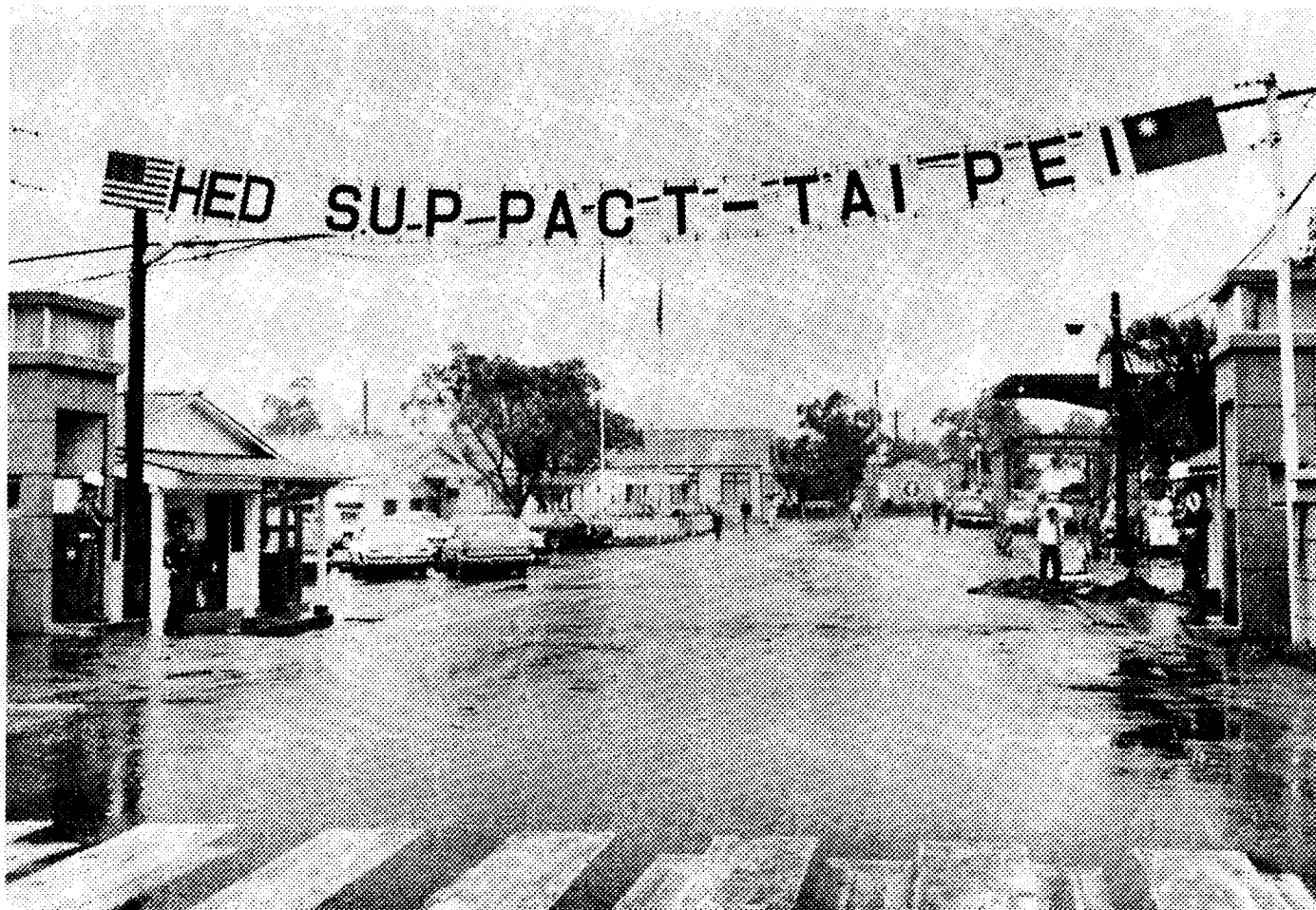
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327th Air Division assigned C-130 "Hercules" transport aircraft at Ching Chuan Kang Republic of China Air Base

A United States Navy medical technician doing research at Navy Medical Research Unit Number Two, Taipei

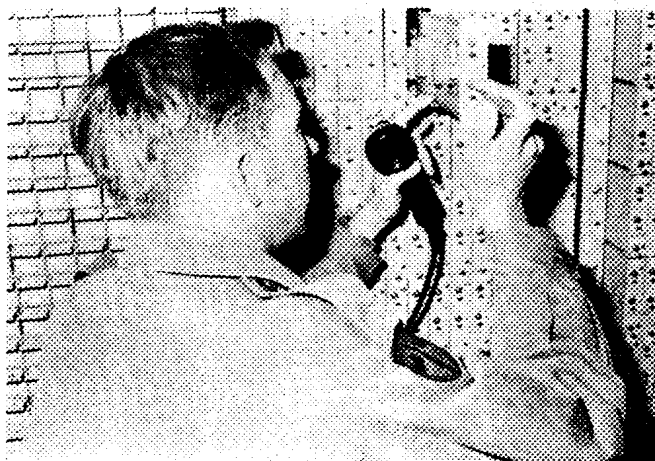


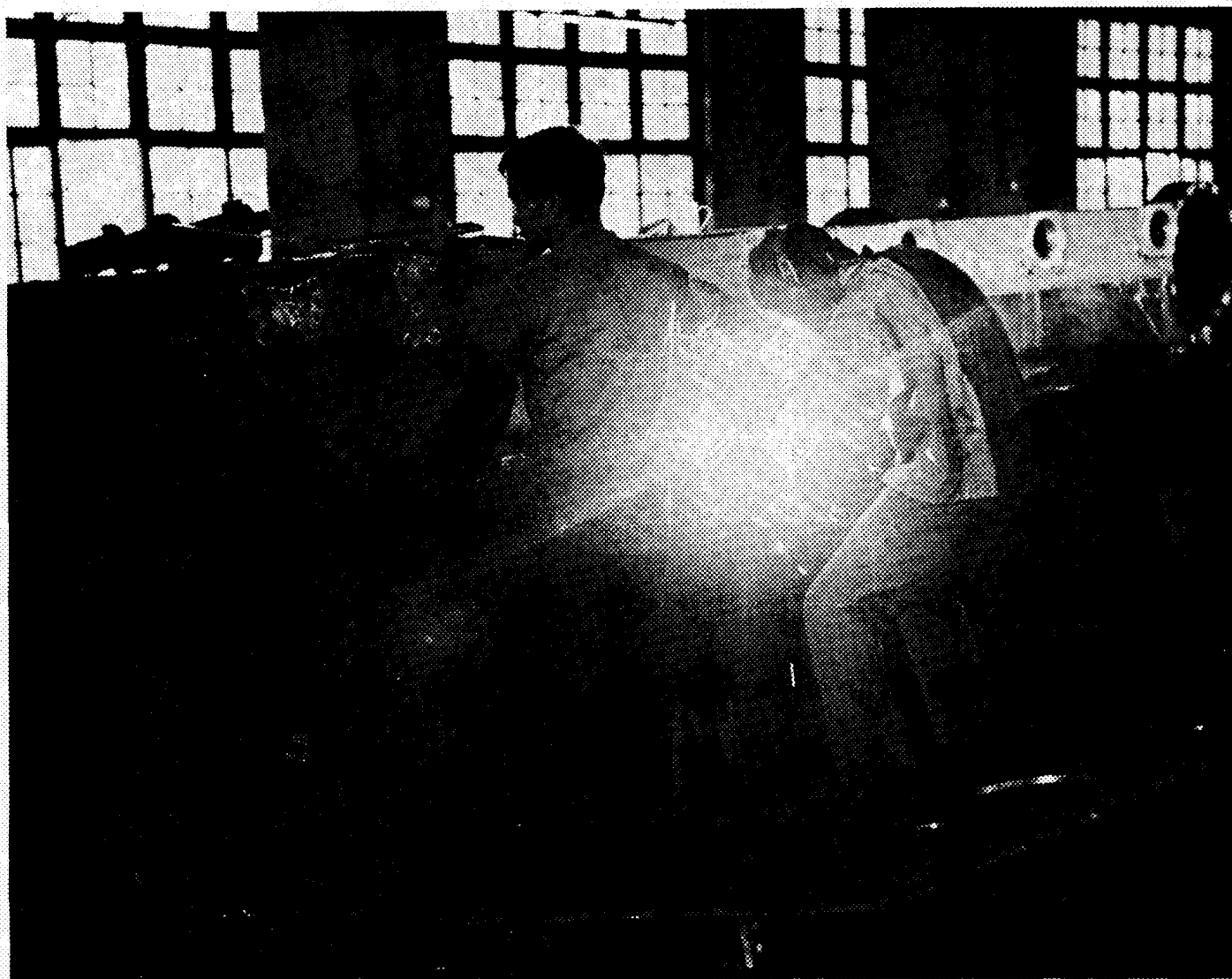


Entrance to Headquarters Support Activity, Taipei



STRATCOM specialists are on the job, around the clock, to provide communications service for American military units on Taiwan





**Nationalist Chinese workers, with technical assistance from the U.S. Army
Taiwan Materiel Agency, overhaul Chinese Army equipment**

Chapter 2

Taiwan History and Facts

BACKGROUND

Taiwan, better known to the world as Formosa, is an island 90 miles off the southeastern coast of the Chinese mainland. It and the Penghu Islands (Pescadores) lying to the west are administered as the Province of Taiwan. The "offshore islands" held by the Republic of China consist of two principal island groups close to the mainland—Quemoy (Kinmen) off Amoy and Ma tsu-tao (Matsu) off Foochow—plus a few minor islands.

Taiwan itself is about 240 miles long and 60 to 90 miles wide. The island, with a total area of approximately 14,000 square miles, is about the size of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

A north-south mountain range forms the backbone of the island with the highest peak, Yu Shan (Mt. Morrison), rising to 13,000 feet above sea level. The eastern slope of this range is exceedingly steep and craggy, but the western half of the island is generally flat, fertile and well-cultivated.

The national flag consists of a red field with a white sun in a blue rectangle in the upper left corner. The sun symbolizes the Kuomintang Party; the 12 rays, progressive spirit. Red, white and blue bespeaks of sacrifice, justice and fraternity.

TAIPEI

Taipei, provisional capital of the Republic of China and Taiwan's largest city, has a down-



Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek

town population of more than 1,200,000. At least 1,000,000 more persons live in surrounding suburbs.

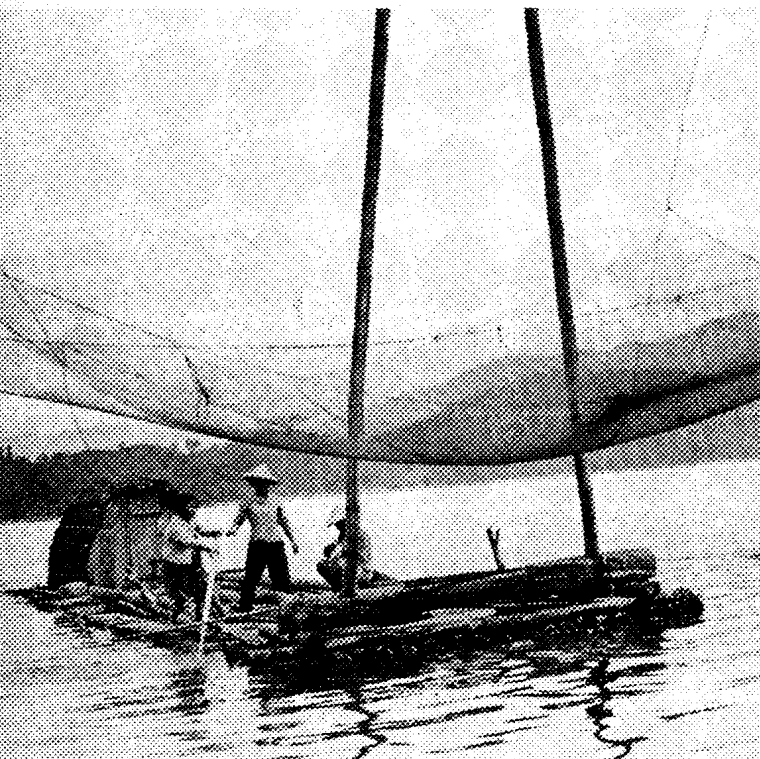
This international city is located in a valley in north Taiwan. The valley is surrounded by high mountains and drained by the Tamsui River, which flows into the Taiwan Strait. The surrounding area has great charm and beauty. Immediately northward are the pleasant residential suburbs of Tien Mou, Shih Lin, and Yangmingshan where most American families live. Eighteen miles to the east is Keelung, the port serving Taipei.

Like all major cities on the island, Taipei has most of the facilities that are found in modern cities: wide main streets, street lighting, electricity and water, telephones and telegraph, efficient postal service and an extensive network of urban and suburban bus routes. But, city officials are aware that these services need improvement and are working hard to make them better.

THE PEOPLE

Taiwan has a population of more than 15 million people, with several hundred thousand more on the Pescadores and offshore islands (excluding the military). The island has about 1,036 persons per square mile.

The Taiwanese, with the exception of about 225,000 aborigines believed to be related to aboriginal tribes in the Philippines, are descend-



Fishing, Taiwanese style

ants of Chinese who migrated from the crowded mainland coastal areas of Fukien and Kwangtung Provinces within the last 300 years. The approximately two million mainlanders who arrived on Taiwan in 1949 and 1950 came from all parts of China.

The peculiarly Chinese combination of Buddhism and Taoism, brought to Taiwan centuries ago with the original Chinese settlers of the island, is the predominant religion. There are a small number of Chinese Moslems who came to Taiwan with the other refugees from the mainland after the Communist victory there in 1949. Christian missionaries have been active on Taiwan since before the Japanese occupation, and there are now 400,000 practicing Christians among the local population.

More than 84 percent of the inhabitants of Taiwan are literate. Native Taiwanese speak a variant of Amoy dialect, although the Hakka dialect is spoken in the rural districts of two northwestern counties and in small enclaves in the southern and eastern districts. An increasing number of people speak Mandarin, the official Chinese dialect, which is now taught in all schools. Nearly every dialect of China is represented among the mainland Chinese on the island. As a result of 50 years of Japanese rule, most adult Taiwanese also speak Japanese.

For a better understanding of the people, some knowledge of their customs and beliefs is a must.

In Taiwan, as elsewhere, one must be friendly and courteous. Courtesy is especially important to the Chinese. By remembering the following guidelines, your stay on Taiwan should be enjoyable and rewarding:

Be particularly courteous to the elderly. They are highly respected, even revered, by the Chinese, who believe that wisdom increases with age. Lack of respect for the old is a sign of bad manners.

When asking a question, do not be annoyed if a Chinese smiles and nods agreement or answers when he doesn't understand the question. This may be his way of avoiding embarrassment to you and himself.

"Face", meaning dignity and prestige, is highly valued by the people of Taiwan. To lose face — to have one's self-respect and standing in society lowered — is extremely humiliating.

The Chinese avoid causing others to lose face by being courteous, considerate and respectful — particularly to the elderly. Since adverse or unjust criticism brings loss of face, speak only of the things you like and admire and forget the others.

Guard against losing face. One way to lose face is by over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages. Another is by losing your temper.

The Chinese are modest people. Instead of boasting of their possessions, talents and accomplishments, they prefer to belittle them. Remember this when inclined to boast. Don't interpret their low estimates of themselves and their belongings literally.

The Chinese love and are concerned about the welfare of their families. Should you offend one member of the family, you could offend them all.

All Chinese are justly proud of their culture — one of the oldest and greatest in the world. It was well developed centuries before Columbus discovered America.

HISTORY

According to Chinese sources, there had been some Chinese migration to Taiwan as early as the sixth century. The major influx, however, took place during and after the 17th century

from the Chinese mainland provinces of Fukien and Kwangtung. From 1624 to 1661, the Dutch held a base on Taiwan, but they were driven out by Koxinga (Cheng Cheng-kung), who used the island as a base in his attempt to defeat the Manchus and restore the Ming Dynasty. The Manchus conquered the island in 1683, and the Chinese exercised sovereignty over the island until 1895, when it was ceded to Japan following the Sino-Japanese war.

At the end of World War II in 1945, the Chinese government received the surrender of Japanese forces on Taiwan, and the Chinese Government has administered the island since that time. In the peace treaty of 1952, the Japanese renounced any claim to Taiwan and the Pescadores.

GOVERNMENT

The Government of the Republic of China (GRC) moved its capitol to Taipei on December 8, 1949, following the Communist conquest of the mainland. Except for a brief period of semi-retirement in 1949, Chiang Kai-shek has been President of the GRC under the present Constitution, which was adopted in 1947.

Under the Constitution, the sovereignty of the people is exercised by the National Assembly. In addition to electing the President, the National Assembly also has the power to amend the constitution and the power of initiative and referendum.

The President stands above the five branches (or Yuans) of the Government, and, with the consent of the Legislative Yuan, appoints the Premier. The Premier is the President of the Executive Yuan (Cabinet) and is responsible for policy and administration. The main legislative organ, elected in 1948, is the Legislative Yuan: it was originally made up of 773 seats, but actually less than 400 members now attend sessions. The remaining elected branch is the Control Yuan, which checks on the efficiency and honesty of the Government. The Examination Yuan has functions similar to the U.S. Civil Service Commission. The Judicial Yuan includes a 17-man Council of Grand Justices, which functions like the U.S. Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution.

ECONOMY

Taiwan possesses only light, but highly di-

versified, industry. Major manufacturing includes ship building, textiles, metal products, electrical appliances, electronic products, processed food, building materials, and handicrafts.

The government's main trading partners are Japan and the United States. Taiwan exports textile products, electric appliances, electronic components, bananas, sugar, plywood, mushrooms, rice, and cement. Imports include machinery and tools, ores, metals and metal products, vehicles, vessels, electrical materials, chemicals, wheat, soy beans, wool and crude oil.

Agriculture, still an important sector of the economy, is more extensive on Taiwan than in any other country in the world, with the exception of Japan. Although only one-fourth of the land is arable, virtually all of this is cultivated and most produces two or three crops per year.

The two most important crops are rice and sugar. Other important crops, essentially for domestic consumption, are sweet potatoes, tobacco, peanuts, soybeans and cassava. Pigs and poultry are significant livestock items.

Fisheries, particularly deep sea fishing, are expanding rapidly.

EDUCATION

No other people in the world place a higher premium on education than those of Taiwan. New schools are going up throughout the island at an impressive rate. When the government extended public education to nine years, they began building scores of new junior high schools. But they have not neglected higher education. In 1950 only seven universities or junior colleges existed on Taiwan. Today, there are 79. Between 1950 and 1967, the number of college and junior college students increased from about 7,000 to more than 130,000. Through annual competitive examinations, approximately one-third of Taiwan's high school graduates enter college each year.

TIME ZONE

Taiwan is 13 hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Time, 12 hours ahead of U.S. Central Time and 11 hours ahead of U.S. Mountain Time. For example, when it is 1 a.m. in Taipei, it is 12 noon in New York the previous day. During day-light saving time in the U.S., you add one hour to the standard time difference. For example, when it is 5 a.m. in Taipei, it is 5 p.m.



Chinese farmers harvest rice within sight of a factory near Taipei

in New York the previous day.

INTERESTING PLACES TO VISIT

Taiwan is an island of picturesque and beautiful areas that can awe the tourist and keep amateur and professional photographers busy from morning to night. It is a land of unspoiled beauty and it abounds in resorts and scenic sights that reflect the tranquil nature of the island called "Ilha Formosa-Island Beautiful".

During your tour of duty on Taiwan, you will undoubtedly want to sample the sights, sounds and hospitality of your Chinese hosts. In planning your on-island vacation schedule, you may wish to divide your sight-seeing into the following travel areas:

Northern Taiwan

Taipei—the name means North Taiwan in Chinese—is not only the cultural, economic and transportation hub of Northern Taiwan, but for the island as well. It is the administrative seat of the Government of the Republic of China.

Like other places in Taiwan, urban and rural, Taipei combines all the best of old and modern China.

Because of its prime importance to the Republic, Taipei was created a special municipality in July, 1967, thus attaining the same province status as Taiwan. The city's area was

simultaneously expanded into one of the fastest growing cities in Asia.

The large and impressive *Presidential Office Building*, which contains most of the major offices of the Republic's executive branch, is one of the city's most impressive landmarks. Fronting this ornate and historic building, in the heart of Taipei, is a huge square, scene of mammoth celebrations on important national holidays.

Close by is the *Botanical Garden*, a horticultural marvel that has one of the finest collections of tropical and subtropical plants in the Far East.

In the same Garden is the *National Historical Museum*, distinguished for its architecture which features red pillars, stone lions, and brass-bound red lacquer doors. It often holds exhibitions of contemporary art, though its permanent collection contains objects of archaeological significance.

The *National Science Hall*, also in the Garden, is fashioned after the famous Hall of Heaven in Peiping. It houses interesting exhibits, specimens, and models of scientific interest.

The *National Arts Hall*—for concerts, drama and exhibitions—and the *National Central Library* make up the rest of the garden.

No stay in Taipei is complete until the sight-seer visits the more interesting temples.

These include:

Tzu Shih Miao (Temple of the Grand Master), which is located on Kang Ting Street, Wan Hwa section, in southwest Taipei. The original temple was built on this spot 120 years ago but has since been rebuilt several times.

Ching Shan Kung (Temple of the King of Green Hills), situated three blocks from the Tzu Shih Miao Temple.

Lung Shan Szu (Temple of Dragon Hill), on Hsi-yuan Road in the Wan Hwa section is the oldest, largest and best known. Much of the temple has been remodeled, but it is claimed to be more than 200 years old.

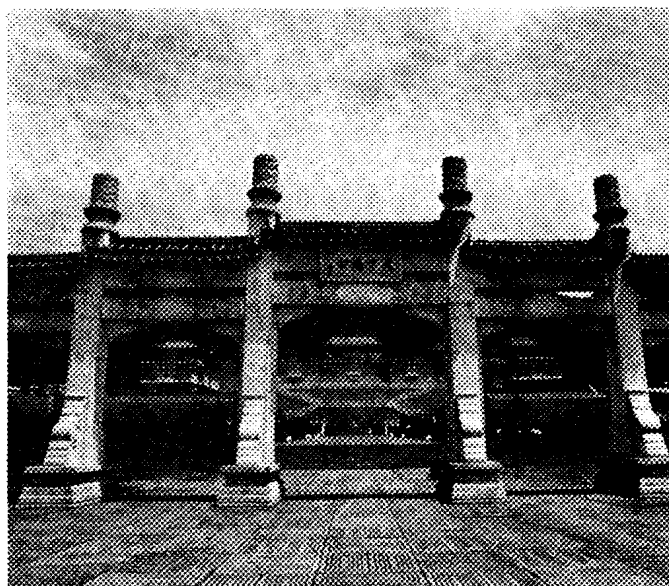
Cheng Hwang Miao (Temple of the City God), the second oldest in Taipei, is located in the Ta Tao Cheng section. Across the street, men and women work at designing and embroidering the silk hangings used in temples while wood-carvers work on the small wooden images.

Yuan Tung Temple is near the village of Chung Ho, about five miles south of downtown Taipei. To reach the temple itself, the visitor must climb several hundred steps; from here there is a magnificent view of the surrounding farms and rice paddies. At the entrance, huge carved figures of a lion and an elephant guard the grounds. An enormous carved figure of the Laughing Buddha welcomes visitors.

Hsien Kung Temple or *Chih Nan Kung (Temple of a Thousand Steps)* is about eight miles from Taipei, near the village of Mu Shan. It is best to choose a cool day for this trip as there are 1,660 steps to climb. Although the temple is managed by Buddhist monks, its chief prophet is Lu Tung-pin, a famous Taoist immortal who lived some 2,000 years ago. There are also shrines on the grounds honoring Confucius and Kuan Yin, the Buddhist Goddess of Mercy.

Around Taipei, most tourists begin their local itinerary with *Peitou*. This hot-spring resort, which is only eight miles from the city, features expert massages by specially trained blind masseurs to soothe travel-tensed nerves and muscles. There are nearly a hundred inns, some charmingly rustic, others quite modern.

Also in Peitou is the *Foo Hsing Chinese Opera School*, which trains children ages 6-12 in Chinese operatic arts. Special performances may be arranged for group visitors through local



National Palace Museum, Taipei

travel agencies.

Another scenic spot that is a favorite with tourists and Chinese alike is *Yangmingshan* (or *Grass Mountain*), which may be reached directly from Taipei or via Peitou in minutes. It boasts a beautiful park with wooded groves, waterfalls, pavilions, rock gardens and fish ponds. These are authentically Chinese in landscaping. Here in the spring (February-April), tens of thousands of persons come to enjoy the glorious blaze of cherry blossoms and azaleas.

Tamsui, beyond Peitou, and a 50-minute drive from Taipei, was once Taiwan's most important northern port. Now it is used only by fishing boats and small vessels. Tamsui's 18-hole golf course is one of the most beautiful in the Orient. Fort San Domingo, built by the Dutch centuries ago, still stands nearby.

The *National Palace Museum*, which houses the world's largest collection of Chinese art, is located in the Taipei suburb of Waishuangshi. Its collection ranges from the earliest bronze vessels to porcelains, calligraphy, painting, tapestry, jade objects, enamel ware, sculpture, lacquer ware, stationary and books. Combined, they total nearly 240,000 priceless art objects. The museum is open every day from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission costs only NT\$10 (U.S. 25 cents).

To the north of Taipei, an 80-minute drive via the port of Keelung, is the *Yeh Liu National Park*, a beach dotted with unusual rock formations. Life at the fishing village nearby is also of interest.

An alternative half-day suburban trip from Taipei might be to *Pitan (Green Lake)* for an afternoon of boating, swimming or fishing. An amusement park provides a further attraction.

Not far from Pitan, a 10-minute walk, brings the visitor to the two-story *Chinese Postal Museum*, which houses 17 exhibition rooms, a library and an auditorium. The museum is aimed to collect, preserve, and study postal materials. It has a complete collection of postal stamps issued by the Chinese Postal Administration since 1878.

Beyond Pitan, about a 30-minute drive along a picturesque highway, is the rustic village of Wulai, famed for its beautiful waterfall, push-cart railway and cable-car, the first in Taiwan.

Another place of interest is *Shihman Dam*, 34 miles southwest of Taipei. At the base of the dam, a handsome pavilion with red pillars, green tile roof, and blue trim offers a protected spot for lunch and an overall view of the surrounding area.

Central Taiwan

Taichung, the provincial capital and the largest city in central Taiwan, is only 45 minutes by air from Taipei or less than three hours by train.

A few minutes from the busy metropolis are the modern buildings of *Chung Hsing Village*, seat of the provincial government. They are in contrast to the surrounding pastoral scene.

There are a number of points of interest in and near Taichung. Southeast Asia's largest statue of Buddha is at *Chang-hua*, 24 miles south of Taichung. *Sun Moon Lake*, 2,508 feet-above sea level and one of the most famous resorts on Taiwan, is 54 miles southeast of Taichung.

Because of the U.S. Air Force personnel stationed at nearby Ching Chuan Kang (CCK) Republic of China Air Base, shops and businesses in Taichung have readily adapted to the American influence and certain parts of the city are very modern. Bargains can be had in almost every shop, but no purchase should be made without bargaining for the best price and quality.

Other scenic delights of central Taiwan include:

Yu Shan or *Mt. Morrison*, which is the island's loftiest peak at 12,959 feet and slightly higher than Japan's Mt. Fujiyama.



The internationally-famous Grand Hotel, Taipei

Mt. Ali, 7,458 feet high, which can be reached by a narrow-gauge Forestry Bureau railway from *Chiayi*. One of the main objectives of the trip is to see the spectacular sunrise through a sea of clouds and mist that hang over Mt. Ali and nearby Mt. Morrison. It is famous for the sea of clouds that surrounds its peak and for a pre-historic "sacred tree". Also of interest is the *Forestry Museum* where specimens of various plants growing on the mountain are displayed. Advance reservations are necessary for the Mt. Ali trip, both for overnight accommodations and for a seat on the train.

A stop-over at the *National Art Museum* between Sun Moon Lake and Taichung is well worth-while. Beautiful old art treasures saved intact from the days of Peiping are on exhibit in the museum.

If the visitor stops for lunch in Taichung, he will find two very good Chinese restaurants: the *Shanghai*, which serves Shanghai-style food, and the *King Cheng*, which serves Cantonese-type food.

South Taiwan

Further south from Taichung and Chiayi is historical *Tainan*, capital of Taiwan three

centuries ago. Until ousted by Cheng Cheng-kung (Koxinga), Dutch colonists used the city as their administrative center. Two forts remain as a reminder of the brief Dutch occupation (1624-1661). One is *Fort Providentia*, now known as *Chin Kan Tower*, which was converted into Koxinga's headquarters after the Dutch surrender. It now houses relics of the late Ming dynasty hero. *Fort Zeelandia*, four miles outside the city and Anping near the sea, was the last Dutch stronghold.

Taiwan's oldest Confusian temple is in Tainan. The temple is of classic Chinese design and consists of one large room where the name of Confucius is written in gold letters. Candles are lighted and flowers are brought to the temple to honor the revered philosopher and teacher.

Although historic Tainan is often called the "Cultural Capital of Taiwan", the sound of jet fighter aircraft is often heard over the busy, colorful city. These constant reminders of a progressive nation are stationed at nearby Tainan ROCAB, current home for a Chinese Air Force tactical fighter aircraft wing and a small

USAF support group.

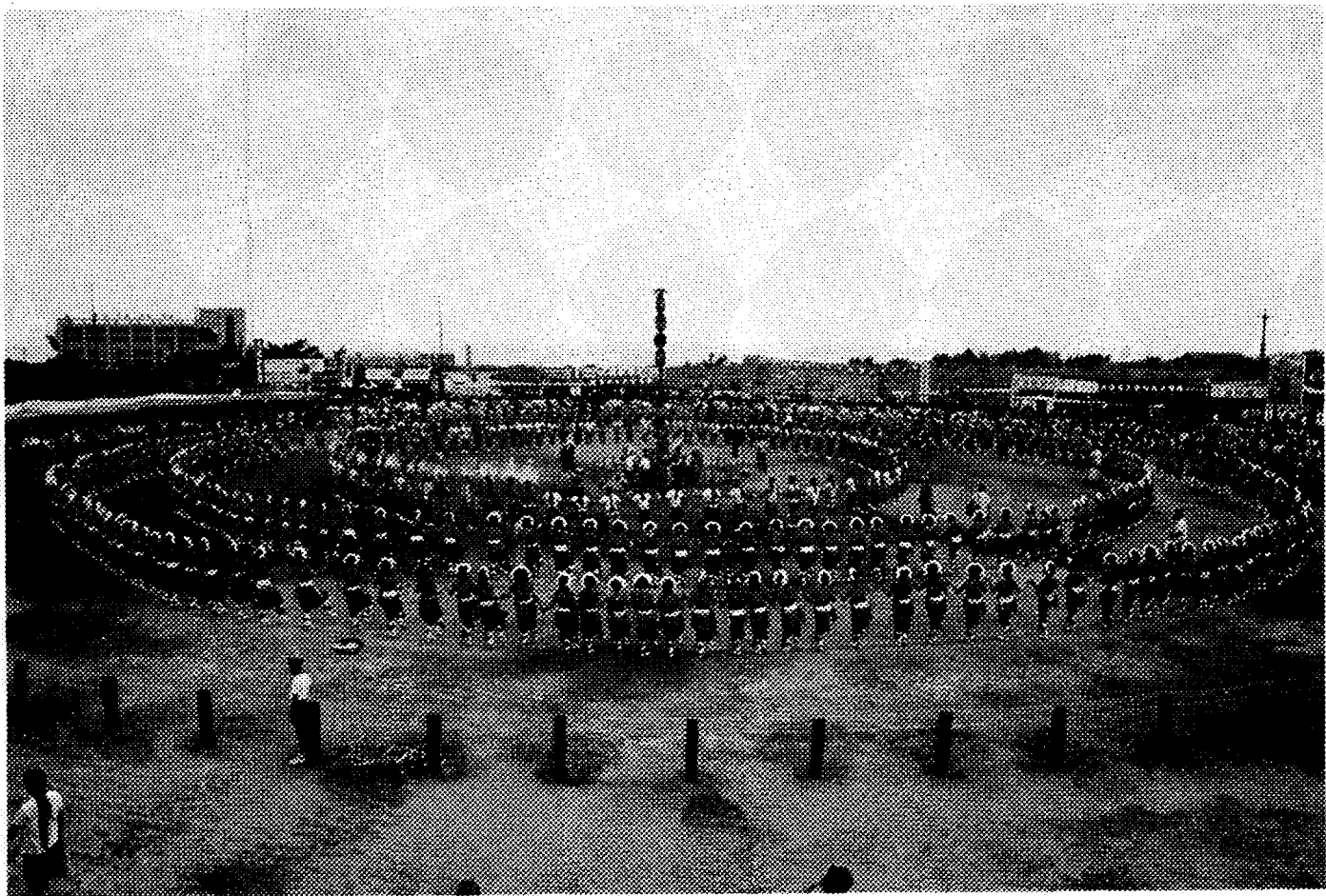
Good hotels, with bowling and night club facilities, are available.

A 40-minute drive south from Tainan is Kaohsiung, Taiwan's second largest city and busiest seaport. The harbor is of interest, especially the new Industrial Export Processing Zone, which is a must for industrially-minded visitors. It is designed to promote the development of exports and further stimulate the nation's economic growth.

Among the interesting places to see while visiting the seaport are Shou-san Park that overlooks the harbor, the banks of Love River that flows through the city and the Hsi-tze Bay Beach. Kaohsiung also has a lively night life.

Only a few miles from the city is *Cheng Ching Lake*, an important reservoir for highly industrialized Kaohsiung. Around the lake is a well-kept park with a seven-story pagoda, pavilions, a zig-zag bridge and other colorful structures. It is best known for its flower garden.

The Spring-Autumn Towers delight photographers at a lake near the Chinese Naval base



Aboriginal Indians perform at Hualien

at Tsoying. The towers are dedicated to heroes and immortals.

Oluanpi, at the southern tip of Taiwan, can best be visited by taking the Taiwan Highway Bureau's Golden Horse excursion bus which leaves Kaohsiung daily at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. During this trip, one can see one of the largest lighthouses in the Orient; a whaling station; and occasional schools of whale spouting offshore. Here are also good bathing beaches, good fresh food, and good sea shell collecting grounds.

Near Oluanpi is the *Kengting Tropical Garden*, a 100-acre complex that includes one of the largest experimental forests in the Far East and a wide-variety of tropical plants and trees. There are numerous monkeys and brilliantly-hued butterflies in the area, attesting to its tropic atmosphere.

East Taiwan

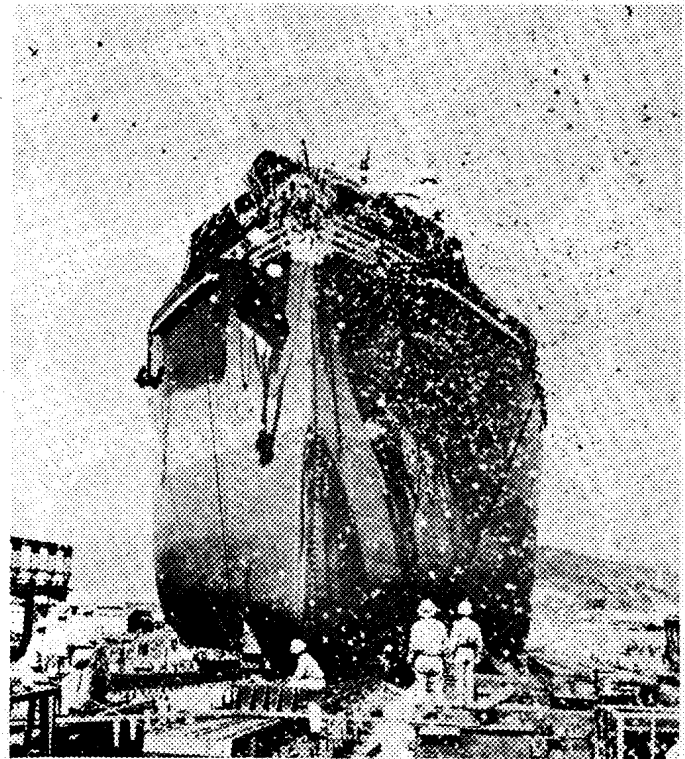
Hualien, the principal city in eastern Taiwan, was opened as the island's third international port in 1963. The biggest attraction there is the tribal dances and songs in the *Ami Cultural Village*, a short taxi ride out of the center of town. This show is staged either in the afternoon or evening and the dances are performed in an attractive, small open-air circular theater with comfortable seats.

These aboriginal performers are enthusiastic, friendly young girls with colorful costumes. There is a cultural exhibit at the entrance to the village, and costumed Ami dolls in various sizes are for sale.

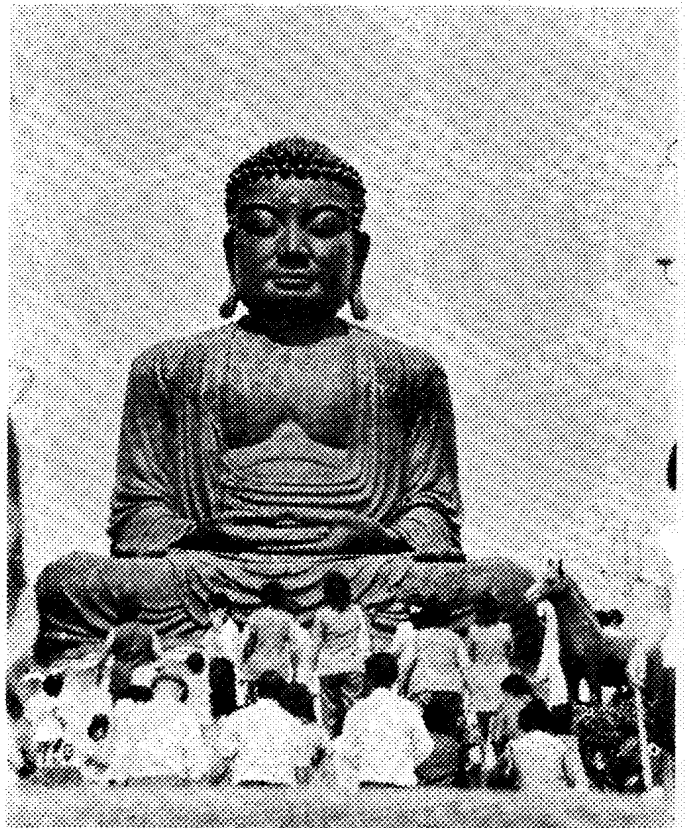
The city of Hualien can be reached from Taipei by China Air Lines. Another way of getting there is to take the train from Taipei to Suao and then go by bus on the *Pacific Coast Highway* that is hewn from cliffs. Still another way is to take the *East-West Cross-Island Highway* from Taichung, traversing the breathtaking Central Mountain Range. Both land routes, however, take more than nine hours.

Taroko Gorge, where cliffs pierce the clouds, is, perhaps, the most awesome and beautiful attraction in Taiwan. One world-traveler called his visit to the Gorge, "Undoubtedly the most spectacular experience in all of the Orient."

The Gorge is just one of many memorable sights along the new *East-West Highway*, which is one of the major engineering feats on the is-



Another ship is launched at the seaport of Kaohsiung



Southeast Asia's largest Buddha near Taichung

land. According to Chinese officials, the highway has a great bearing on the development of natural resources and promotion of tourism. Linking the mid-island city of Taichung to the east coast, the highway scales the treacherous Central Mountain Range which towers 9,000 feet above sea level.

Anyone taking this route will soon discover that it is a highly scenic and at times a breathtaking trip, as the bus climbs, twists and dips around mountains half-hidden in the midst, through fields, forests and villages, an occasional valley and plain. In one nine-mile stretch, the highway has 51 tunnels that bore through solid marble.

Tsien Hsiang, at the western end of the 12-mile-long Toroko Gorge, is a small secluded valley away from the noisy world. Modern facilities are available at *Tien Hsiang Lodge*, a hostelry operated by the China Travel Service.

Smaller Islands

Some 60 miles southeast of Taitung is the small Pacific island of *Lan-Yu* (*Orchid Island*), home of the Yami tribal fishermen who live in primitive stone houses. This may be an interesting place for the more adventurous students of anthropology. Trips by sea or air must be specially arranged.

The *Penghu Islands* (*Pescadores*), a cluster of 64 islets in the Taiwan straits, may be reached via air from Taipei and Tainan or by seas from Tainan or Kaohsiung. On the windy Penghus, trees are low, even farm lands are surrounded



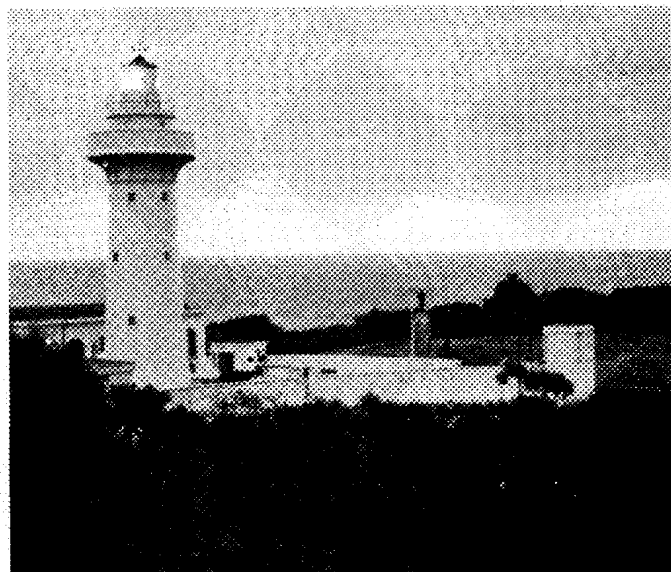
Awesome, beautiful Taroko Gorge in Eastern Taiwan

by stone walls, and women working in the fields bundle themselves up completely, leaving only their eyes visible. Fishing is important on the islands. Beaches are beautiful. *Makung*, the capital of the Pescadores, is located on the largest of the islands.

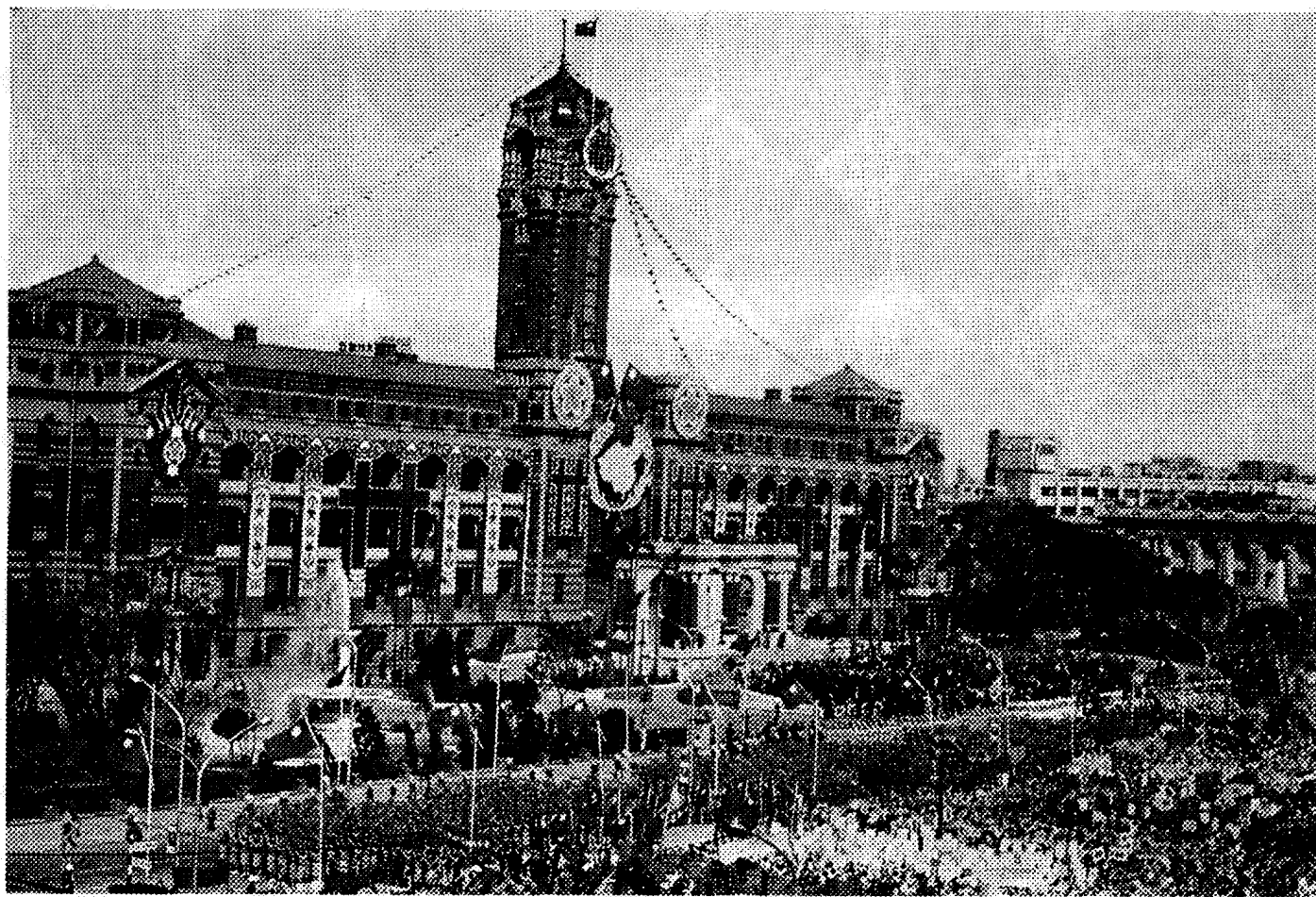
Less than a few miles off the coast of Mainland China are two of the world's most famous island groups. These are Nationalist China's strategic and well-fortified *Kinmen* (*Queymoy*) and *Matsu Islands*. The economies of both island groups center around fishing and agriculture, with Kinmen being self-sufficient. There are 61,000 civilians living on the Kinmen Islands and 10,000 reside on the Matsus. Special permission from the Government of the Republic of China is required to visit the islands.



Well-fortified Queymoy off the coast of mainland China



A light-house at the Southern tip of Taiwan



Double-Ten Day celebrations at the Presidential Office Building, Taipei

HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

Holidays and festivals are an integral part of Chinese life.

The following memorable observances interweave past and present with tradition and culture for a living record of the Republic of China and the Chinese People:

Commemoration Day (Founding of the Republic of China), January 1, National Chinese Holiday. The October 10 Revolution of 1911 resulted in the overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty. Dr. Sun Yat-sen was then elected the first Provisional President of the Republic of China and was inaugurated on New Year's Day, 1912, which became the first year of the New Republic.

Chinese New Year, January or February, National Chinese Holiday. This six-day celebration, which resembles our Christmas holidays, marks the beginning of another Chinese Lunar New Year. The Chinese Lunar Year is divided into 12 months of 29 or 30 days and once every 30 days, times are adjusted to agree with the

movement of the moon by adding another month.

Each 12-month cycle is represented by an animal, starting off with the mouse. It is followed, in order, by the cow, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. This Chinese horoscope enables a person to know, depending which year of the animal he was born under, if his or her New Year will be good or bad.

The New Year season is usually marked by community fairs, exchange of gifts, colorful decorations, the continuous sound of music, parades and fireworks displays.

It is customary for all Chinese (this includes amahs and yardboys) to take a vacation at this time for a period of four to seven days. They get paid for this time and are also given a bonus. Generally, a month's pay is given to servants if they have worked for you for a year and prorated down if less than a year. During the holiday period, it is also the practice to give gifts to the various trades people who have been

serving you. Failure to do so could cause some hard-feelings because of "loss of face". As a result, you might thereafter receive poor service from them. Continued failure to pick up your garbage is an excellent example.

Lantern Festival, January or February, Chinese celebration. This dazzling display of color is the "official" ending of the New Year holiday season.

The celebration features parades, usually at night, that include bands, floats, costumed participants walking on stilts, people carrying lanterns of every size and shape and a dragon dance procession.

Youth Day, March 29, Chinese National Holiday. Since 1932, this date has been set aside to pay homage to 72 young men who lost their lives on March 29, 1911 while fighting for the democratic China revolutionary movement. This holiday is primarily celebrated with a parade to inspire Republic of China teenagers to die in the defense of their country.

Martyrs of the National Revolution, March 29, important Chinese observance. This observance or formal ceremony, conducted at bases and posts throughout Taiwan, honors those persons who have died while defending their country.

Dragon Boat Festival, May or June, Chinese Holiday. The Dragon Boat Festival takes place on the 5th day of the 5th month of the Lunar calendar in commemoration of the great

Chinese patriot-poet Chu Yuan. Dragon Boat river races, which previously highlighted this festival, are now held infrequently. When races are conducted, villages, clans or guilds enter long, narrow boats that resemble dragons.

Armed Forces Day, September 3, Chinese Armed Forces Holiday. This observance, held each year to honor the Republic of China Armed Forces, is celebrated on the anniversary of Japan surrendering to the Republic of China at the close of World War II in 1945.

Throughout the island, units of the respective Chinese services parade through cities and towns. Commanders of ROC installations host Armed Forces Day dinners and invite senior American military commanders in their area.

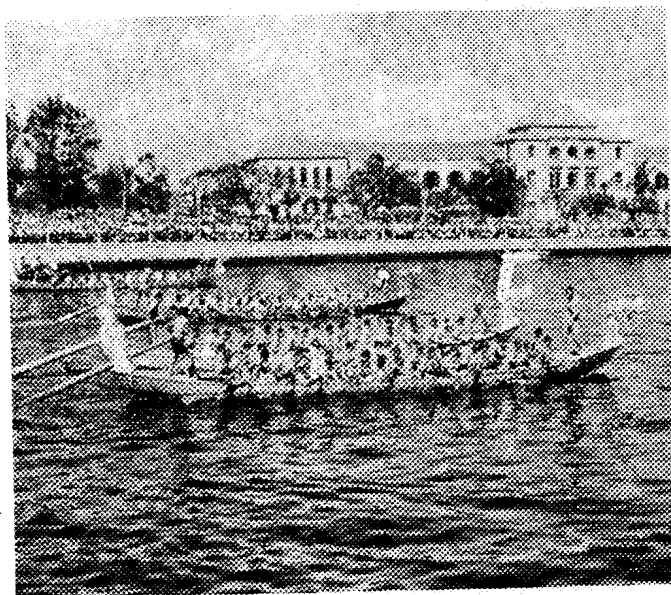
Birthday of Confucius, also Teacher's Day, September 28, National Chinese Holiday. Confucius (551-479 B.C.) has been revered by the Chinese people as China's greatest teacher. His birthday on September 28 is celebrated by the nation. Special temple ceremonies are held throughout Taiwan to commemorate his teachings.

Moon Festival, September-October, Chinese Holiday. Although this festival, commonly known as the Mid-Autumn Festival, is an important holiday for Chinese farmers, it is celebrated by most Chinese families. It is another time to settle debts, have family reunions and give parties.

Moon cakes made of flour are a symbolic



Dragon Dance during Chinese New Year celebrations



A Dragon Boat Festival race in Taipei

food of the season.

The festival is usually celebrated in the evening when the moon is high in the sky. Before the evening of festivities begins, families give presents of Moon Cakes and fruits to each other.

After a bountiful meal, preparations for the moon worship begins. Each member of the family goes to a special altar to ask the Goddess of the Moon "favours". These range from longevity to happy families and marriages. After this ritual, the family then eats the moon cakes.

Double Ten Day, October 10, National Chinese Holiday. Double Ten Day is similar to the American Fourth of July and is celebrated by parades, ceremonies and social gatherings. It is held annually to commemorate the date, October 10, 1911, that members of the Manchu "new army", under the instruction of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, started the Chinese Revolution in Wuchang, Hupeh Province, against the Manchu Dynasty. The Republic of China was born as a result.

Overseas Chinese journey from all parts of the world to attend the celebrations in Taipei. Parades, reunions, fireworks displays, celebrations and social gatherings are held throughout Taiwan to commemorate this significant and colorful holiday.

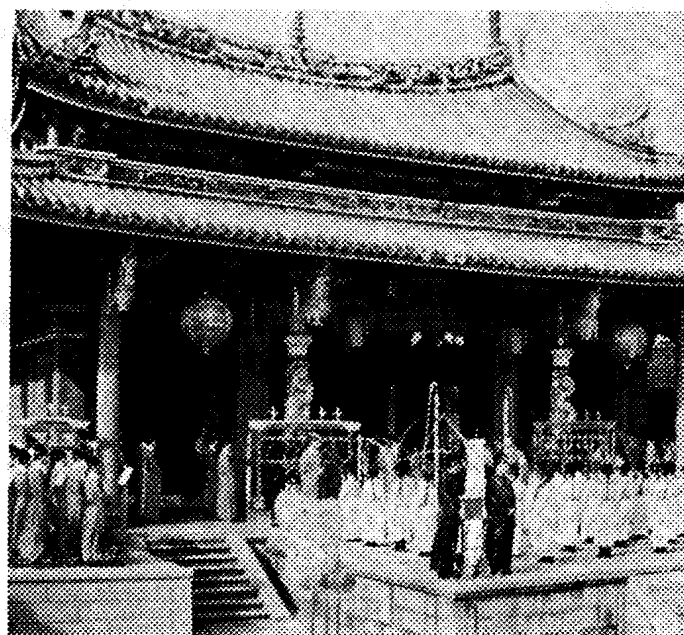
President Chiang's Birthday, October 31, National Chinese Holiday. President Chiang Kai-shek was born in Fenghua, Chekiang, October 31, 1887. Each year, GRC officials send gifts and congratulatory messages to their leader. This important holiday is marked by festive decorations, parades and banquets.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Birthday, November 12, National Chinese Holiday. Dr. Sun Yat-sen was born on November 12, 1866, in Tsuiheng Village, Hsiangshan County, Kwangtung Province. He is honored each November 12 as the founder of the Republic of China. He died at the age of 60 in 1925. His "Three Principles of the People" are recited and renewed dedication is avowed to his teachings on this date.

Constitution Day, December 25, National Chinese Holiday. The Republic of China constitution was adopted by the National Assembly on December 25, 1946. It was promulgated on January 1, 1947 and became effective from December 25, 1947. Since 1962, December 25 has been declared a national holiday.



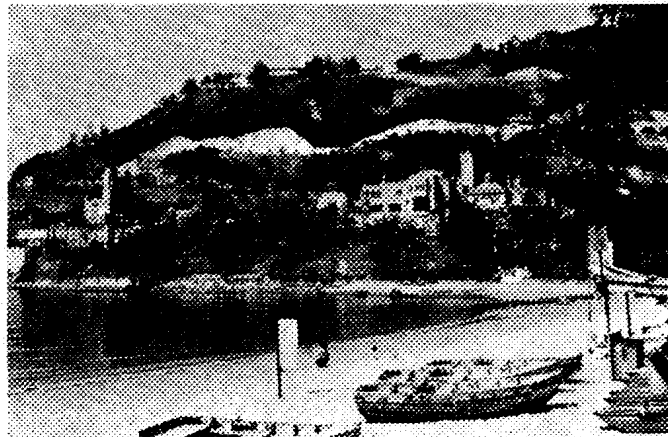
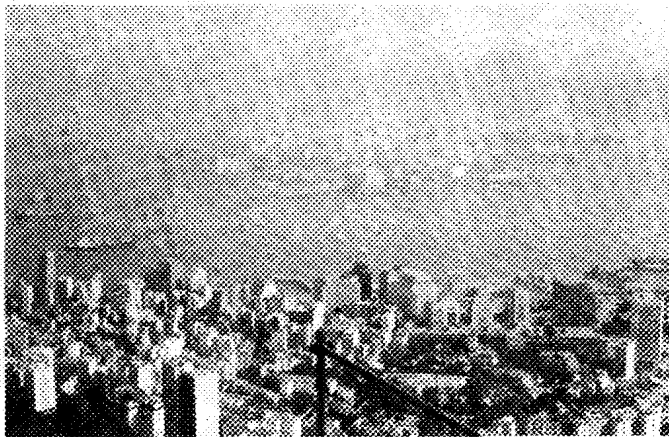
Holidays are an integral part of Chinese life, culture and tradition



A colorful, dramatic ceremony in Taipei commemorates the birthday of Confucius, one of the world's great teachers

Chapter 3

Policies and Support Facilities



A crowded, prosperous city and a serene beach are both Hong Kong and are within easy flying distance from Taiwan (Photos by Catherine C. Tepe)

LEAVE AND PASS POLICY

The leave and pass policy in Taiwan is the same as that of any other military installation in a non-combat area, with one exception: Taiwan has been included in the Environmental Morale Program (EMP).

Each year, under EMP, all eligible U.S. government employees and their dependents are authorized, when available, free military air transportation to and from one specified location that includes Japan, the Republic of the Philippines, or Hong Kong.

Additional information on leave papers, immunization records, passports and travel arrangements can be obtained by contacting: Headquarters, U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG), Assistant Chief of Staff for Services, Taipei.

BILLETING FOR UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL

There are limited U.S. government quarters in the Taipei area for unaccompanied personnel.

Unaccompanied American servicemen

working in the downtown Taipei area may have private quarters if they have the rank of an E-4, over four years service, or higher. Personnel below this rank and unaccompanied must reside in designated government quarters unless they receive special permission by their commanders to live in private quarters.

Unaccompanied military personnel stationed at Taipei Air Station may reside in private quarters if they have the rank of E-6 or higher. Single or unaccompanied airmen below this rank must live on station unless they receive special permission from their commanders.

All enlisted, unaccompanied military personnel assigned to Shu Lin Kou Air Station are required to live on station unless they receive special permission from their commanders. Unaccompanied officers who are O-4 or higher may reside in private quarters.

Personnel stationed in the Taipei area must have their private quarters approved by the Headquarters Support Activity, Taipei, Housing Officer, to receive their quarters allowance.

Unaccompanied servicemen should see their personnel officers or unit commanders for addi-

tional information on billeting procedures.

PROPER UNIFORMS

Military personnel will wear the proper seasonal uniform at all times, and their appearance should reflect the highest military standards.

U.S. Army personnel may wear authorized summer uniform and work fatigue combinations throughout the year. Winter uniform combinations are normally worn November through April. Complete uniform and insignia information is listed in AR 670-5.

U.S. Air Force personnel may wear the all-weather dress uniform or authorized summer uniform and work fatigue combinations throughout the year. For additional uniform information, airmen should read AFM 35-10.

U.S. Navy personnel may wear summer uniforms and work dungarees throughout the year. Winter uniforms are normally worn November through April.

CLOTHING SALES STORE

Headquarters Support Activity, Taipei, operates a Clothing Sales Store with a limited supply of uniform items for Army, Navy and Air Force personnel.

Located in the HSA West Compound, the store is open from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

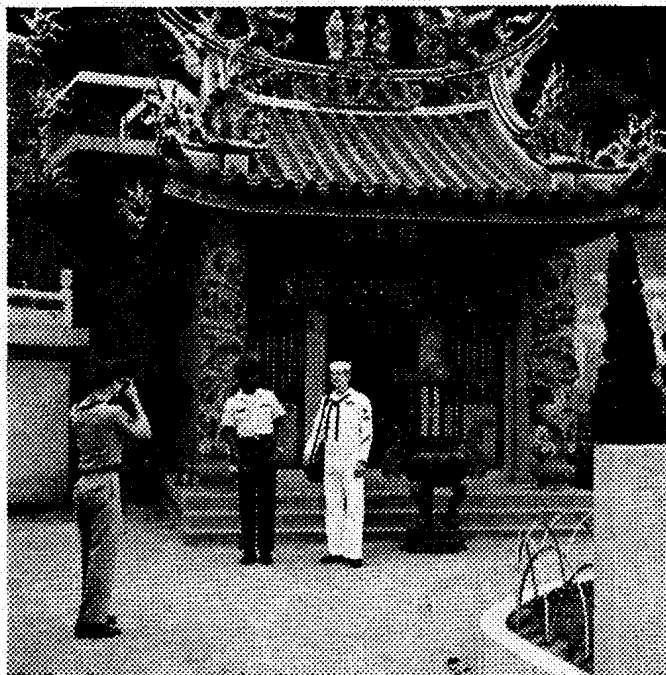
Army and Navy servicemen may place special orders through the clothing sales store. Delivery time may range from two weeks to three months.

Air Force personnel may go to the Main Clothing Sales Store at Ching Chuan Kang (CCK) Republic of China Air Base, Taichung, for uniform items not carried by the HSA clothing facility.

Tailor-made uniforms may be obtained on the local economy or at the NEX at bargain rates.

POST OFFICES

In addition to unit mail rooms, there are three main American military post offices in the Taipei area. These are Air Post Office (APO) 96263 located in the Headquarters Support Activity (HSA) East Compound; APO 96280 located at Taipei Air Station; and APO 96360 located at Shu Lin Kou Air Station.



American servicemen, as representatives of the United States, are expected to be in correct uniforms wherever they go

Other major American military post offices on Taiwan are APO 96293 at Taichung; APO 96340 at Tainan; and APO 96319 at Ching Chuan Kang (CCK) Republic of China Air Base, Taichung.

Complete postal service is offered at each location.

Air mail from the United States arrives daily in Taipei and is distributed to military organizations the same day, island wide. Delivery time for letters and parcels from the States depends upon the following types of service: air mail, 5-7 days; first class, 8-10 days; SAM/PAL, 7-15 days; and parcel post by boat, 6-8 weeks.

All foreign merchandise sent to the U.S. must be accompanied by a properly authenticated Customs Declaration Form.

APO privileges on Taiwan are governed by the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), with certain categories of personnel not authorized these benefits. Among the latter are unaccompanied dependents of active duty American military personnel, Department of Defense (DoD) employees in leave status, and retired U.S. military personnel.

HOSPITAL

A 66-bed U.S. Naval Hospital, located in Shih Pai approximately three miles from Taipei,



The United States Naval Hospital, Taipei, provides medical care for all U.S. government employees and their dependents in the Taipei area

provides both in-patient and out-patient medical care.

Specialists are available in internal medicine, orthopedics, general surgery, pediatrics, otolaryngology, obstetrics, and gynecology. In cases which are beyond the capabilities of the staff or those that require long hospitalization, the patient will be air-evacuated to the Philippines, Okinawa, or Japan.

Dependents with allergies, chronic skin diseases, a history of asthma or conditions which may necessitate constant supervision are strongly recommended against accompanying their sponsor to Taiwan.

It is recommended that if any of the above medical problems exist, specific advice concerning the advisability of transporting dependents to this area should be requested from the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital, Taipei, Box 4, APO San Francisco 96263, via the Commanding Officer to the unit to which ordered.

Included in the request should be a narrative summary and as much information as will enable the medical officer to render a sound judgment.

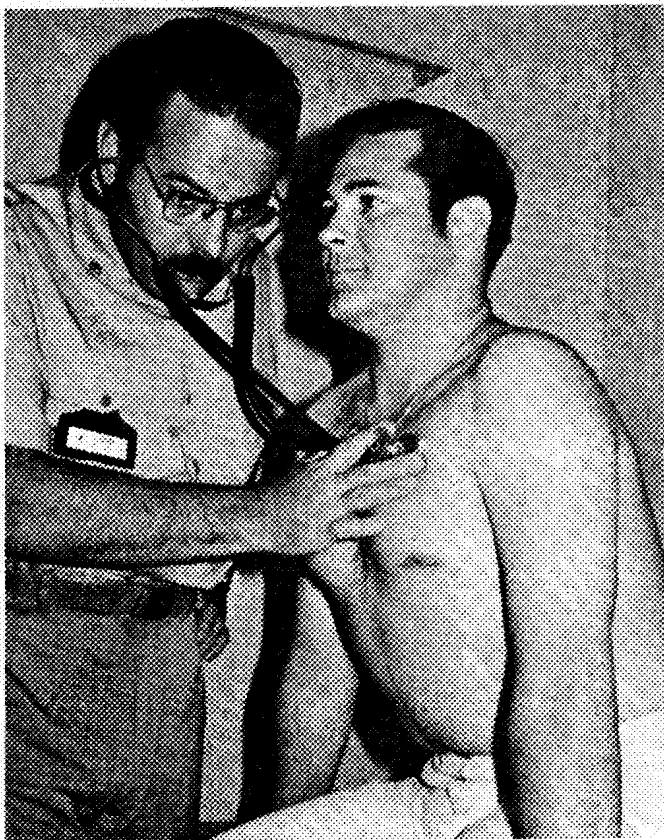
Children should be registered at the out-patient clinic so they can be treated in the absence of their parents. Otherwise, no child will be treated unless accompanied by a parent. By registering your children at the clinic, they can receive emergency treatment.

Branch dispensaries, which provide out-patient care only, are located at points other than Taipei where the concentration of American personnel warrants.

There are Air Force dispensaries at both Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

DENTAL CARE

The main department of the HSA Dental Clinic is located in one wing of the U.S. Naval Hospital, Taipei.



A doctor and patient at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Taipei

Dental officers and dental technicians provide outstanding and complete dental care, less orthodontia, for all active duty and retired U.S. military personnel and their dependents in the Taipei area.

Military personnel assigned to Taipei and Shu Lin Kou Air Stations are provided dental care by U.S. Air Force dental officers assigned to those facilities. Patients requiring specialized care are referred to the HSA Dental Clinic.

Dental treatment provided by military facilities in the Taipei area include oral diagnosis, restorative dentistry, periodontal treatment, endodontics, prosthetics, oral prophylaxis and oral surgery. In addition to these services, the HSA main clinic provides a children's stannous fluoride program each February with special emphasis on good dental hygiene.

All active duty and retired U.S. military personnel and their dependents will be provided treatment after arrival. However, dependent dental care is on a space and facilities available basis. Personnel are encouraged to have their dental care completed before their arrival on Taiwan.

Dental treatment for personnel attached to

down island activities is available at CCK, at Taichung and at Tsoying. These activities are small and necessarily have some limitations to their dental capability.

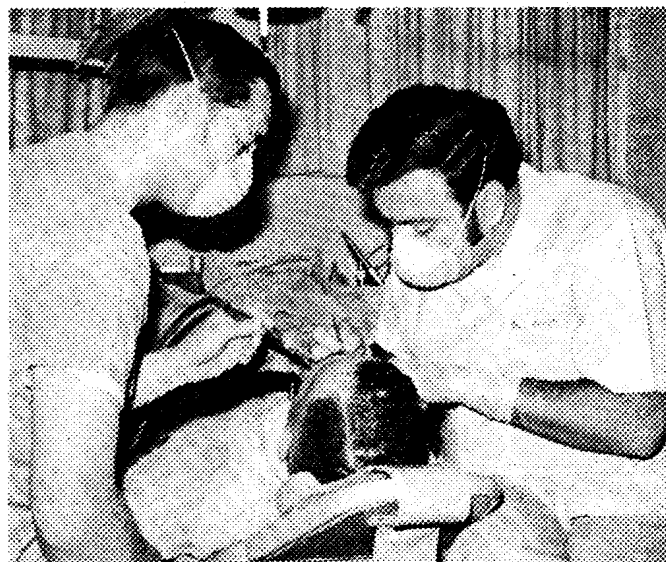
Military dental facilities are not permitted to render dental care to civilian employees and their dependents except in humanitarian cases.

Dependents of active duty personnel needing orthodontic dental care, which is not available at any of the military dental clinics in the Taipei area, may qualify for special help and financial assistance under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). For additional CHAMPUS information, contact the Dental Health Benefits Counselor at the HSA Dental Clinic.

NAVY EXCHANGE SYSTEM

Headquarters Support Activity, Taipei, Navy Exchange facilities are located in close proximity to every American military establishment on Taiwan.

Most island-based exchange stores have only a limited amount of merchandise for sale, with the exception of the Main Navy Exchange Store, Taipei, located in the HSA East Compound; the Navy Exchange at Ching Chuan Kang Republic of China Air Base; and the Navy Exchange at Tainan, Republic of China Air Base. The Main Navy Exchange Store offers a wider selection of products and services than most



Although the HSA Naval Dental Clinic, Taipei, provides limited care, its dentists perform a wide-range of services



The HSA Navy Exchange, in the HSA East Compound, Taipei, sells everything from refrigerators to automobiles

stateside military exchanges. The exchanges at CCK and Tainan provide many of the NEX services to be found in Taipei.

At the Main Exchange, Taipei, authorized personnel can purchase such major appliances as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, air conditioners and freezers. Special forms to buy these household items can be obtained at the HSA Provost Marshal's Office. Installation and maintenance of appliances are available through the NEX Maintenance Shop.

Bedding, linens, china, crystal, uniform accessories, toiletries, ready-made clothes, sports and photographic equipment, laundry and dry cleaning, photographic developing and printing, fabrics and sewing material, tailoring, watch and jewelry repair, car sales, travel service, shoe repair, engraving, printing, ladies' wigs, flower service and delivery, laminating, embroidery, gift wrapping and packaging of merchandise for mailing, audio equipment, television sets, Chinese merchandise, rugs, and lamps can be found in the Main Exchange Store Complex in the

HSA East Compound.

The Main NEX Annex, presently located in the Signal Compound, sells shoes, luggage, toys, and outdoor living accessories.

There is an NEX automotive service station in Taipei, a gas pump at Shu Lin Kou Air Station and also car service facilities at CCK, Taichung Tainan and Tsoying.

The NEX food department also operates cafeterias, snack bars, and hot dog carts throughout the island.

Although virtually all merchandise and services which American families require are maintained by the Navy Exchange, all newly assigned personnel should remember these shopping tips prior to their arrival on Taiwan:

(1) Since the availability of merchandise fluctuates in accordance with customer demands and shipping time, make arrangements to be put on the mailing list of a national mail-order company before you leave the States. This will enable you to obtain those special items which the Exchange may not have in six to eight weeks.

Otherwise, if you order through the Exchange, you may have to wait three to four months before your merchandise arrives.

(2) Develop a tolerance for rationing. The following items are rationed to curb their illegal disposition on the local market: golf equipment, electrical appliances, radio-stereo equipment, camera equipment, beer, soft drinks, and tobacco. However, the amount of rationed items authorized patrons may purchase should not cause a hardship on their households.

(3) As in the States, the resale or barter of Exchange merchandise to unauthorized personnel is strictly forbidden.

Additional information on Navy Exchange services and facilities on Taiwan can be obtained by writing Headquarters Support Activity, Taipei, Navy Exchange, Attention: Public Relations Director, Box 17, APO S.F. 96263.

COMMISSARY

The Navy Commissary Store will satisfy most grocery needs of U.S. government employees and their families while stationed on Taiwan.

Although located far from the States, the commissary offers a wide range of canned and packaged goods, frozen foods, dairy products, meat, and a variety of vegetables and fruit. The selection of items compares favorably with many stateside commissary stores.

The Main Commissary Store is located at Taipei in the HSA East Compound across from the Navy Exchange. It is open Monday through Saturday and remains open one night a week.

There are three branch stores located on or near military installations at Taichung, Tainan, and Tsoying. The branch store in Taichung is open Monday through Saturday. The branch stores at Tainan and Tsoying are open Tuesday through Saturday.

There is a monthly monetary limitation placed on all family purchases. However, these limits should not cause any problems for the average household and special requirements may justify exceptional waivers.

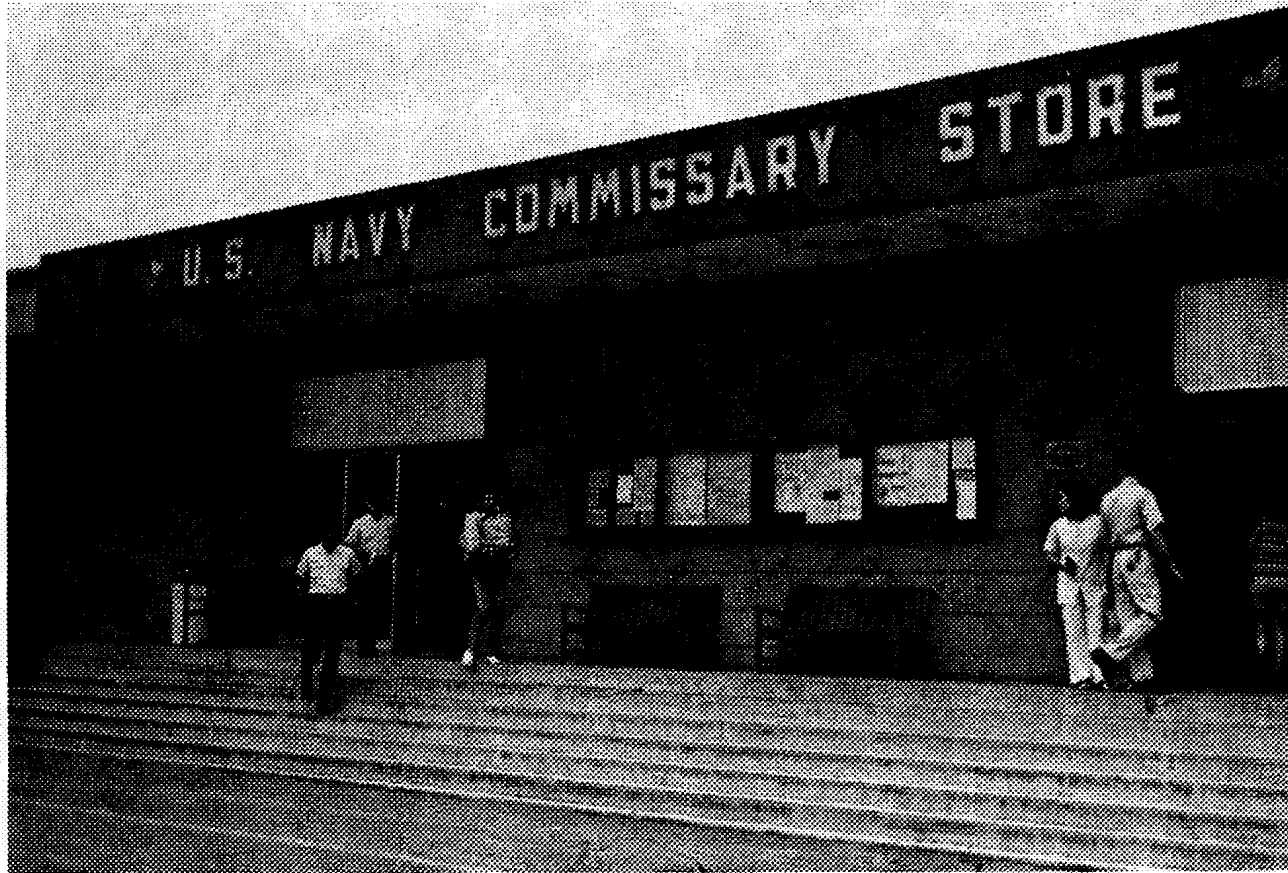
Because of consumer demand and unexpected shipping problems, certain commissary items are rationed from time to time.

The resale or barter of commissary merchandise to unauthorized personnel is strictly forbidden.



A customer checks-out one of the many cameras for sale at the Navy Exchange's Photography Department. Below, at the Exchange's Cosmetic Section, a sergeant receives advice on what to buy his girl





The U.S. Navy Commissary, across from the Navy Exchange in the HSA East Compound, offers most of the foodstuffs that are found in American super-markets



A typical shopping scene at the Navy Commissary. Right, a housewife receives information on the quality of fruits and vegetables from a Commissary employee

AMERICAN EMBASSY SHOP

The American Embassy Shop is operated by the American Embassy, Taipei, and carries a wide variety of liquor, soft drinks, and mixes at very low prices.

Located in the HSA West Compound, the Embassy Shop is open to U.S. government employees and their dependents over 21 years of age. The facility is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday and from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Friday.

Personnel must obtain a permit from the Embassy Shop to use the package store. Application forms and required photographs can be obtained at the HSA Provost Marshal Office in the West Compound. The amount of liquor a permit holder can purchase each month is posted in the Embassy Shop.

The Embassy Shop has a branch store located in Taichung. All other areas have military package store sales activities available.



The American Embassy Shop offers a wide selection of alcoholic beverages



If an American serviceman is stationed in the Taipei area, he will do much of his in-processing at the HSA Provost Marshal Office, HSA West Compound, Taipei

SPONSOR PROGRAM

All U.S. military personnel should receive a letter from their unit sponsor within 30 days after initial notification of assignment to Taiwan. Under the Armed Forces sponsor program, newly assigned personnel will be met by their sponsors upon arrival and will be given maximum help by them when seeking temporary and permanent quarters and while processing into their new duty stations.

Personnel who have not received a letter from their sponsors within 30 days after notification of their assignment should write directly to their new unit commander for assistance.

CHILD CARE CENTER

The HSA Child Care Center, run by volunteers from the Ladies Auxiliary Fleet Reserve Association, is located in the Signal Compound across from the Navy Exchange Laundry.

Children from six weeks to 10 years of age will be cared for. Charges are based on a four-hour limit; 25 cents per hour for one child; 35 cents per hour for two children of the same family; and 45 cents per hour for three or more children of the same family.

Information on operating hours can be obtained at the HSA Special Services Office.

LEGAL SERVICES

There are five U.S. military legal offices in the Taipei area. These are located at Headquarters, U.S. Taiwan Defense Command; Headquarters, U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group; HSA; Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

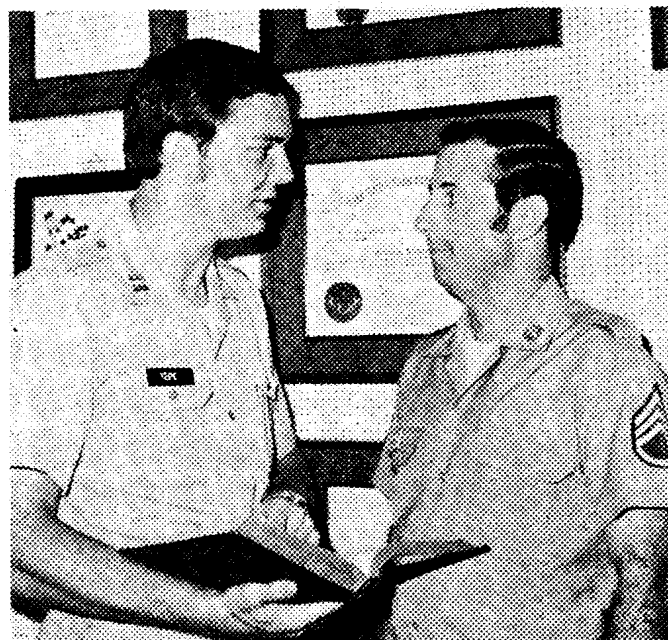
A joint military staff, directed by a U.S. Navy captain, comprises the legal office of USTDC. The legal section implements the Status of Forces Agreement, focusing mainly on questions that pertain to foreign criminal jurisdiction and taxes. Additionally, the section acts as the commander's private law firm for problems that arise between component services and are within his jurisdiction as senior American military representative on Taiwan.

The other legal offices in the Taipei area perform the same functions that judge advocate offices administer in the States. Legal assistance, claims functions and advice to personnel facing

criminal prosecution, are available as follows: for Air Force personnel, Taipei and Shu Lin Kou Air Stations; for Navy and Marine members, HSA; and for Army personnel, Headquarters, MAAG.

All legal offices in the Taipei area are available to Department of Defense (DoD) civilians and are equipped to assist individuals with difficulties that involve the laws of the Republic of China, as well as those of their respective states.

There are also U.S. Air Force judge advocate offices located at Tainan and Ching Chuan Kang Republic of China Air Bases.



Free legal assistance is available for U.S. government employees stationed in the Taipei area

SPECIAL PAY AND ALLOWANCES

Because of limited U.S. government quarters for unaccompanied U.S. military personnel, limited messing and non-availability of U.S. government housing, most unaccompanied and accompanied American servicemen assigned to the Taipei area receive additional allowances.

Upon their arrival and/or departure, they are allowed a temporary lodging allowance (TLA) up to 30 days, or longer with written permission from their commanding officer.

Accompanied personnel and those unaccompanied personnel residing in private quarters receive a housing allowance. When government messing is not available, enlisted personnel receive an additional subsistence allowance. All

U.S. enlisted personnel on Taiwan are authorized foreign duty pay.

Information on the amount of special allowances that each person receives can be obtained from the servicing finance office.

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING FACILITIES

There are adequate U.S. military-operated laundry and dry cleaning facilities in the Taipei area.

The Navy Exchange provides laundry and dry cleaning services at the Main Exchange in the HSA East Compound, Shu Lin Kou Air Station, CCK, Taichung, Tainan and Tsoying.

There is also a Navy Exchange Laundromat located in the Signal Compound which operates daily and a Special Services Laundromat at Taipei Air Station which is open six days a week. In addition to providing one-day service, civilian employees at both facilities wash and fold clothes for their customers.

Laundry and dry cleaning prices of the above facilities are extremely reasonable.

U.S. military personnel residing on Shu Lin Kou Air Station may use, without charge,

washers and dryers, which have been placed in their dormitories.

MESSING FACILITIES

There are government messing facilities for U.S. personnel at Shu Lin Kou Air Station, Taipei Air Station and the U.S. Naval Hospital, Taipei.

The dining halls at Shu Lin Kou Air Station and Taipei Air Station are open daily and serve complete breakfast, lunch, supper, and midnight meals. The dining hall at the U.S. Naval Hospital, which offers the services of other dining halls, is open daily to patients and staff members.

Personnel assigned to Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station will have the opportunity to enjoy outstanding meals. The TAS dining hall, "Charger Inn", received the 1972 Hennessy Trophy for being the best in the U.S. Air Force in its category. Shu Lin Kou's dining facility has earned U.S. Air Force, command, and base recognition for its outstanding food service program and has received two prior Hennessy trophies.



"Charger Inn", the enlisted dining hall at Taipei Air Station, won the U.S. Air Force Hennessy Trophy for its outstanding food service program

Chapter 4

Climate, Housing and Furnishings

CLIMATE

The overall climate of Taiwan is very similar to that of northern Florida — mild and humid. Winters are short and there is rarely snow on the island except in the highest mountains. The summer months, May through September, are long, hot and exceedingly humid.

Temperatures range from 45 degrees in the winter to 95 degrees in the summer, with humidity about 90 percent in the summer.

In the Taipei area, winter can be generally characterized as gray, cold and rainy. When combined with no central heating and a very high humidity, the average resident will find the cold very penetrating.

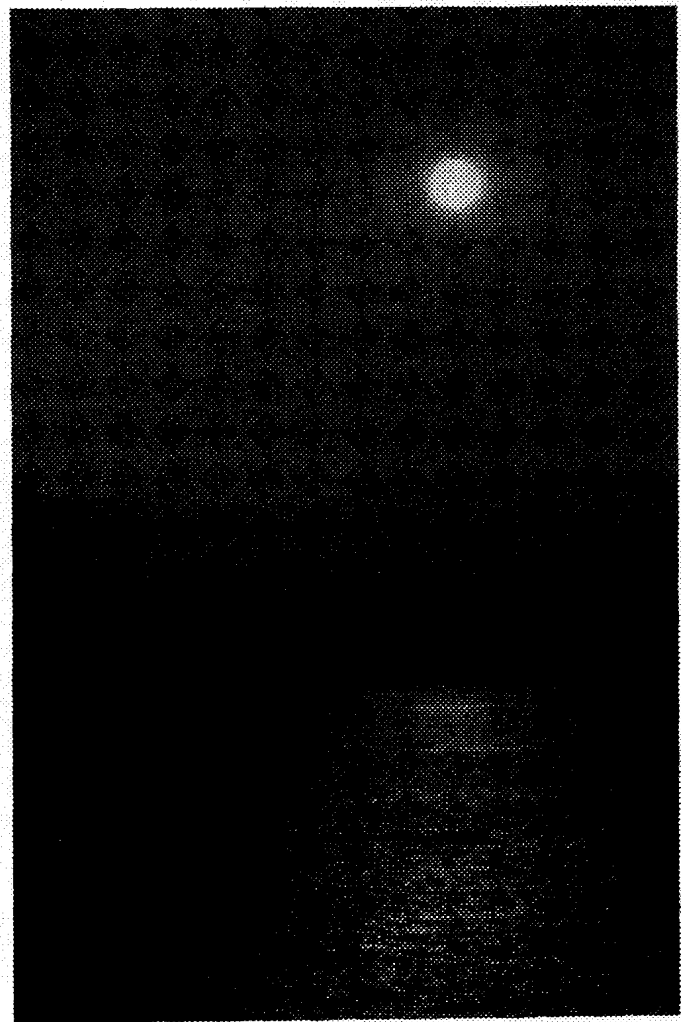
Annual rainfall for the Taipei area averages 71.53 inches, depending on the locality. Greater amounts are the rule in the higher elevations, with lesser amounts in the low lying areas.

Families residing in the higher areas, such as Grass Mountain, have more comfortable summers, but cooler winters. The opposite is true for those residing in lower areas such as Tien Mou. There, the winters are less severe, but the summers are hotter.

All this means is increased heating during the winter for mountain dwellers, and increased cooling expenses for low land families during the long summer months. One other generalization: higher elevations experience more rain, wind and fog than Tien Mou residents. But, the Grass Mountain or Wellington Heights family will find there is less smog and industrial pollution than in the lower areas.

STORMS, EARTHQUAKES

Taiwan lies directly in the path of many of the typhoons and tropical storms that are



Sunset over Taiwan



May through November is considered typhoon season throughout Taiwan and all U.S. government employees are cautioned to familiarize themselves with typhoon instructions

generated in the western Pacific during the summer and autumn. It also lies along a fault line and is subject to earthquakes and tidal waves which are generated by earthquakes occurring on the Pacific Ocean floor.

Typhoons

May through November is the period in which Taiwan is included in the danger area which may be affected by typhoons. Typhoons are characterized by high winds and torrential rain, which can cause unlimited damage and injury.

Warnings of typhoon conditions are announced in sufficient time to allow for preparation. Military personnel and their families are urged to listen to these warnings and to begin storm preparations with the initial notice.

Typhoon Alert Conditions, which are announced at frequent intervals over the American Forces Network Taiwan (AFNT) are:

Typhoon Condition Four, destructive winds of 57 miles per hour or more are possible within 72 hours.

Typhoon Condition Three, destructive winds of 57 miles per hour or more are possible within 48 hours. All first aid items should be assembled in emergency kits and enough non-perishable food available for nine meals.

Typhoon Condition Two, destructive winds of 57 miles per hour or more are expected within 24 hours. Make all preparations necessary to permit the establishment of a maximum

state of readiness.

Typhoon Condition One Normal, 57 miles per hour winds or more within 12 hours.

Typhoon Condition One Caution, 57 miles per hour winds or more within six hours.

Typhoon Condition One Emergency, 57 miles per hour winds or more now blowing. All non-essential personnel should stay at home until notified to report for duty.

Typhoon Condition One Recovery Stage One, destructive winds are no longer being experienced but danger still exists. This may be due to flooding, live wires down and other hazards. Sightseeing is not permitted during this condition. Personnel must remain in their homes or shelters.

All Clear Recovery Stage Two, the typhoon has passed, winds are below 40 miles per hour, and danger no longer exists. Personnel will report for work during normal duty hours.

All Clear, Return to Condition Four. The storm did not approach Taiwan.

Normally, non-essential personnel are released from duty during Typhoon Condition One Normal. Also, when this condition is set, children are sent home by school bus; the Navy Exchange and Commissary stay open as long as possible; and women in the last month of pregnancy will go to the U.S. Navy Hospital, Taipei. Timeliness is essential due to the fact that torrential rains may precede destructive winds by 12-24 hours.

There is little cause for alarm or worry if

the necessary precautions are taken. A battery-powered transistor radio during typhoon periods is mandatory since power may be cut off or erratic. The following steps should be taken to insure maximum safety during a typhoon:

(1) Remove all loose objects from the yard or grounds around your house.

(2) Fasten shutters and cover windows and doors, if your house is so equipped. Since the winds will drive rain under your door and window frames, move furniture and rugs away from doors and windows so they will not become water soaked.

(3) Stay indoors during those periods when winds exceed or are forecast to exceed 45 miles per hour. Such winds can dislodge roofing materials, snap power lines, make traffic extremely hazardous, and make walking, especially for small children, difficult.

(4) Stay away from windows. A strong gust of wind can blow in a window and injure persons in the room.

(5) Keep a supply of candles, boiled water, charcoal, food, fuel oil, and flashlights for emergency use. A severe storm may cut power and telephone lines, ruin water reservoirs or wells, block roads, and interrupt train or bus service for up to a week in some areas.

(6) Do not leave the house if typhoon winds suddenly die out. You may be in the very center of the storm and can expect violent wind and rain to resume in a very short time.

(7) A combination of heavy rains, high tide, and strong on-shore winds may result in floods in low-lying housing areas. Warnings will be broadcast through military channels if this condition appears probable. You should make arrangements with your friends living in safer areas for emergency accommodations should it become necessary for you to move.

(8) Keep your automobile gas tank at least half full during typhoon season. At the time Condition Three is set, fill your tank. Loss of electric power can occur any time from Condition Two to as much as 72 hours after the storm, rendering the electric pumps at the gas station useless.

(9) When Condition One is announced, fill a number of containers for an emergency water supply. Close doors and windows, with the exception of one window on the side away from the approaching storm, which should be

left open a few inches. This will prevent the creation of a vacuum inside the house. Draw blinds and drapes to prevent possible injury from broken glass. Keep sufficient towels, rags and mops handy to absorb rain that will leak in.

Earthquake Precautions

Large scale fire, flooding and earthquakes can occur at any time on Taiwan with little or no advanced warning. A fault passes under the island on a line from Hualien to Tainan. The last major earthquake occurred in 1951 at Hualien, when more than 2,300 homes were destroyed and 60 people lost their lives.

At the first sign of an earthquake, these precautionary steps should be taken:

(1) Seek shelter; if inside, get under a table or desk.

(2) If swimming, get out of the water and away from the shoreline as quickly as possible. Tidal waves can follow an earthquake tremor.

(3) If caught in the open, stay away from objects which could fall and hurt you. These include walls, old houses, trees and telephone poles.

(4) Turn off all electric and gas appliances.

(5) Stay away from windows. These can easily shatter and cause severe injury.

Although typhoons and earthquakes make Taiwan sound formidable, severe storms and disasters are seldom experienced. There is usually enough ideal weather for plenty of outdoor activity and sightseeing.

POLICE PROTECTION

Two law enforcement agencies are available to provide aid in the event police assistance is needed. These are the Republic of China's Foreign Affairs Police (FAP), Taiwan, which aid and assist foreigners; and the Taipei Armed Services Police, which assist U.S. military personnel or DoD civilians whenever they are involved in an accident or incident.

An FAP office is located in or near all major areas where Americans reside. The TASP office is located at the Provost Marshal Office in the HSA West Compound.

Over and above the protection and assistance offered by official agencies, most American personnel in the Taipei area hire a security guard to patrol outside their houses at night.

The guard will usually contact a family immediately after they move in and offer his services. His monthly fee is about \$5 (NT\$200). One guard frequently covers several houses in the same general area.

Individual precautionary measures against housebreaking or burglary should include:

(1) Knowing the location and telephone number of the nearest FAP office as well as the telephone number of the TASP. These numbers should be posted in a conspicuous place in your home;

(2) Insuring that someone is always at home, or asking a neighbor to watch your house while you are away. If you do leave your house unattended frequently, be sure your coming and going is irregular;

(3) Maintaining a good watch dog or other pet that will warn you about the presence of strangers;

(4) Keeping all gates, windows and doors locked when not in use. Barred window coverings have already been placed on most homes in the Taipei area, and their installation is recommended if not already in place. Usually your landlord will bear a portion of this expense;

(5) Training all members of the household on how to report an intruder or an attempted break-in. All thefts affecting U.S. military and DoD civilians should be reported immediately to the TASP.

Security precautions should be reviewed monthly. Once something is stolen, it is seldom recovered.

TEMPORARY QUARTERS

With few exceptions, most personnel arriving on Taiwan will spend one to two months in temporary housing while awaiting the arrival of their household goods and/or the availability of permanent housing.

Aside from limited dormitory accommodations for unaccompanied military personnel, there are no temporary government-operated housing facilities.

As a result, the government provides a Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) to help defray the expense of staying in approved commercial temporary quarters and eating in restaurant-like facilities. The amount authorized varies according to the size of the family.

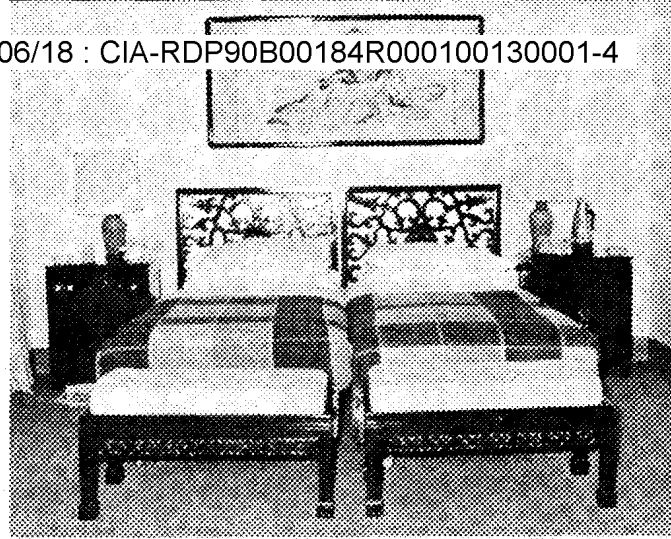


An HSA PMO patrol team is always on duty to provide assistance during emergencies

Most newly arriving personnel use a guest house. Guest houses are similar to stateside efficiency apartments and range in size from one to four bedrooms, with a living room and a bath. Price, for a family of four, runs between \$8 and \$12 per day. According to TLA instructions, cooking is not allowed in TLA approved temporary quarters.

Guest houses must meet specific requirements, or your TLA (Temporary Lodging Allowance) will not be approved. Often a TV and radio will be included in the daily rate or may be rented for a small additional sum. The rooms will be serviced for you daily and clean linen and towels will be supplied. Also, like hotels, all guest houses provide laundry and dry cleaning service. Some do have a separate room and bathroom for domestic help as part of the suite should you find a maid. Some families hire a day amah for the period they are in the guest house, while others use the baby sitting services available through the guest houses. However, many have found these services unreliable, especially for very small children. It would be wise to be sure that your children are in good hands.

The other kind of temporary housing is a



A typical hotel in Taipei where new arrivals may wish to stay while obtaining permanent quarters. Right, an average Taipei hotel room

hotel. Hotel accommodations are excellent with rates varying from \$8.50-10 a day for a single, \$20-23 per day for a family of four.

The Area Coordinating Officer (ACO) maintains a list of hotels and guest houses approved for TLA purposes and this listing should be checked before moving into temporary accommodations.

Hotels and guest houses are inspected periodically for health, sanitation, and safety features.

You are encouraged to let your sponsor know as soon as possible which type of temporary housing you prefer so he can make reservations for you prior to your arrival. A word of caution — guest houses operate at, or very near, full capacity during the months of May through August.

HOSTELS

Hostels are hotel-like accommodations operated by the Foreign Affairs Service Department (FASD) of the Chinese government. They are located throughout the island and are available for use by all personnel.

Rates vary from \$1 to \$2.50 per day according to the number of people and whether private or semi-private accommodations, as well as air conditioning, are desired.

Dining facilities are available either in, or within walking distance of all hostels. Additional services such as laundry, dry cleaning, etc., are available at nominal charges in most hostels.

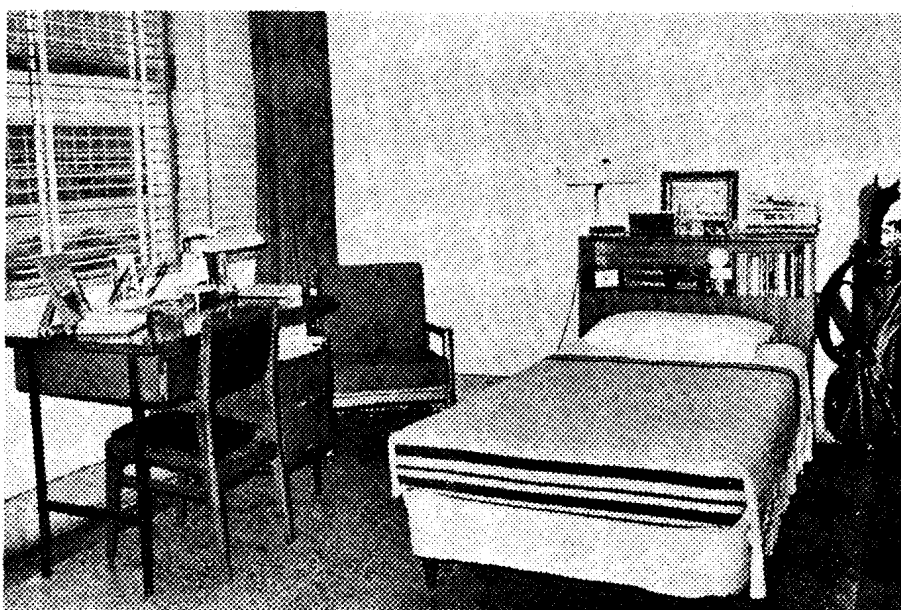
In the Taipei area, hostels and dining facilities are routinely inspected for sanitation and safety purposes.



Most U.S. government employees, with families, usually stay at guest houses while looking for permanent quarters in the Taipei area



Hostel 1A, Taipei



A typical Hostel room

HOUSING

There is no U.S. government housing on Taiwan. Housing on Taiwan is either private housing rented on the local market from an individual landlord or housing rented from the Bank of Taiwan, the latter called BOT housing.

Housing regulations require that all private rental housing be inspected, approved and registered with designated housing offices established under Area Coordinating Officers (ACO) in each area where U.S. military personnel are stationed. The housing office for the greater Taipei area, including Shu Lin Kou Air Station, is located in the HSA West Compound in Building 501, TME 2728, 2773, or TTA 545-229.

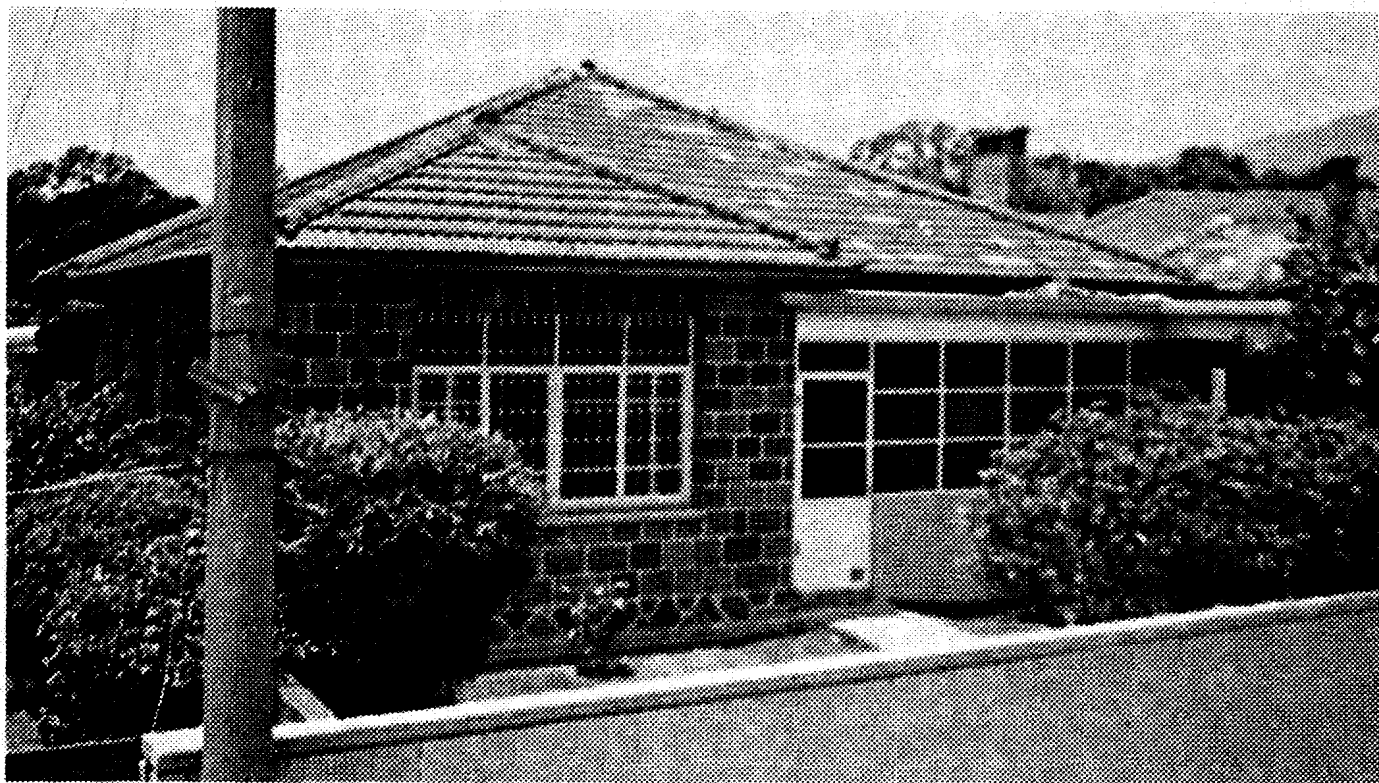
The newcomer to Taiwan will find a great variety of private rental housing available. In the greater Taipei area, there are four prime residential areas, most built with the American in mind. These areas are: Tien Mou, Wellington Heights, Peitou, and Grass Mountain (Yangmingshan).

The largest is *Tien Mou*. It is about six miles from Taipei and composed of a sprawling group of little communities and houses in a rural setting. The land is low, and as a result, it is always a bit warmer than Grass Mountain.

Moreover, it does not rain in Tien Mou nearly as much as it does at the higher elevations. Most military personnel stationed in the greater Taipei area live in one or another part of Tien Mou. It has both BOT and private rental housing. There is also a community center with a movie theater, swimming pool, and a small Navy Exchange store, plus bowling and tennis facilities. Collocated with these facilities is a Teen Club and Little League baseball field.

Wellington Heights is a rather small but very attractive area, located up on a large hillside (almost a mountain) about two miles north of the general Tien Mou area. The houses are all very good and most are newer than those in Tien Mou. It is a bit isolated and off the beaten track as far as military buses are concerned, but school bus service is good. Most of the homes in this area have beautiful views. Houses in Wellington Heights are all private rental type.

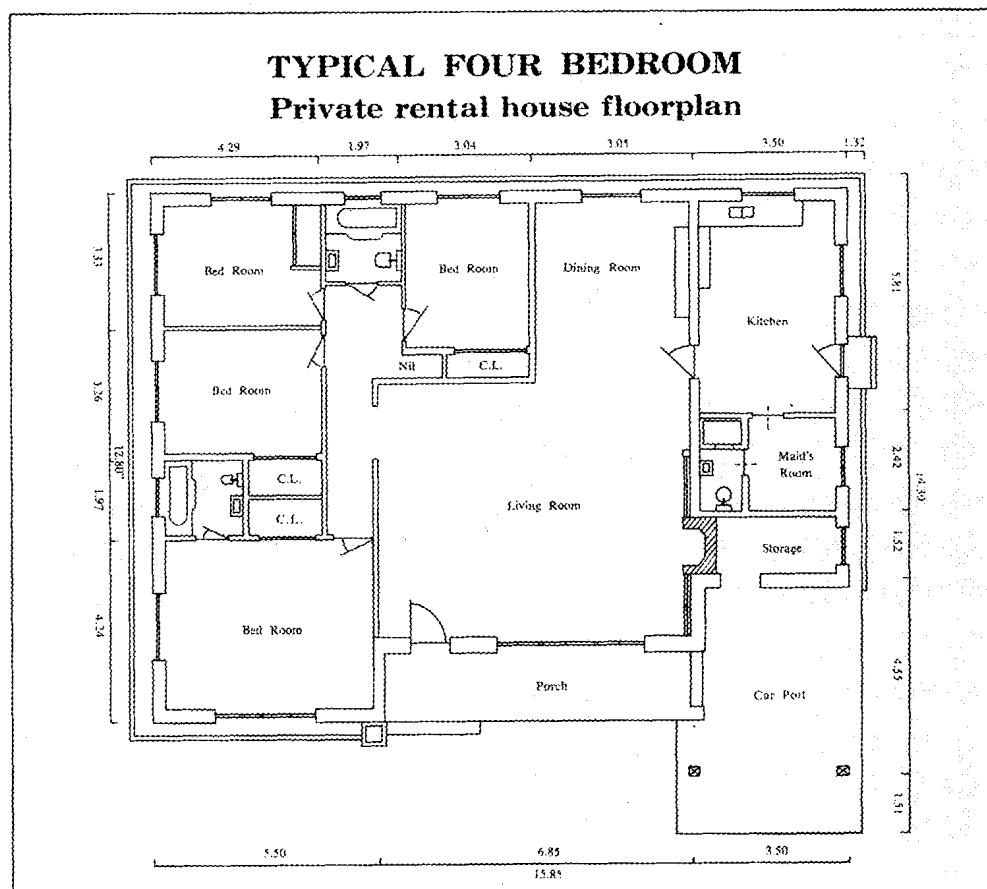
Peitou has two areas where Americans live. It is a hilly and very pretty area about four miles north of Tien Mou, with green rolling hills going up to a range of mountains. The only drawback is limited accessibility and transportation. Yet there are many people stationed in Taipei who consider living in Peitou more than worth the inconvenience. It is only about 20 minutes from Peitou to Taipei and there



A private rental in Tien Mou, about a 15-minute drive from downtown Taipei



The living room of a private dwelling in Tien Mou



Private rentals may vary from one to two stories, but most floor plans are similar to the one above

is an excellent new highway right to the edge of the city. As with Wellington Heights, only private rental is available.

Yangmingshan, or *Grass Mountain*, is located on a mountain about 20 minutes from Taipei. The area is at about the 1,500 foot level, and the air is fresher than down in the lower lying areas such as Tien Mou. However, it is cooler and damper — an advantage in the summer and a disadvantage in the winter. There are some lovely homes in this area, which is very extensive, but generally the houses are smaller than those in Tien Mou. This is a status area for Americans and Chinese as well. Yangmingshan has its own community center and offers the same activities and outlets as Tien Mou. BOT, as well as private rental housing, is available in this area.

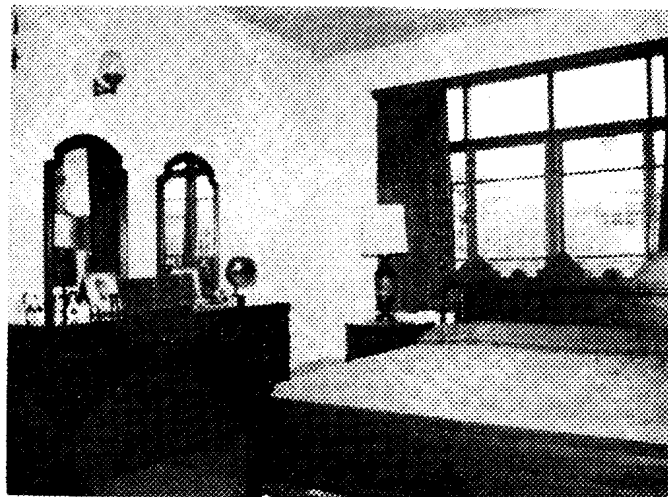
A small number of military do live in *Taipei* itself, but most do not have children and occupy apartments.

PRIVATE RENTAL HOUSING

The monthly cost for private rentals ranges from \$75 for a small two bedroom house to \$350-\$400 for palatial homes with large yards and swimming pools. A four bedroom house in Tien Mou currently rents for about \$140-\$160 a month, while one on Grass Mountain averages \$125-\$145 a month. The HSA housing office rarely approves housing which rents for more than \$200 per month, and the upper price level mentioned earlier primarily applies to housing occupied by non-DoD personnel.

Couples without children and unaccompanied personnel are encouraged to consider apartment rentals. There are many excellent apartments (furnished and unfurnished) in the \$60-\$100 price range.

Private rental housing is generally spacious when compared to stateside housing in the same price range, but construction, plumbing, bathrooms, electrical systems, and kitchens are generally below American standards. Yards are small and enclosed garages are rare (carports are common). Storage space is limited. Practically no houses have central heating or cooling systems. Most private rental houses are constructed of either masonry or concrete and come with terrazzo or parquet flooring. Wood frame construction is rare and found only in



A private rental bedroom

older homes. Most houses have servant quarters, which include a bathroom, built into the house, usually off the kitchen.

BOT HOUSING

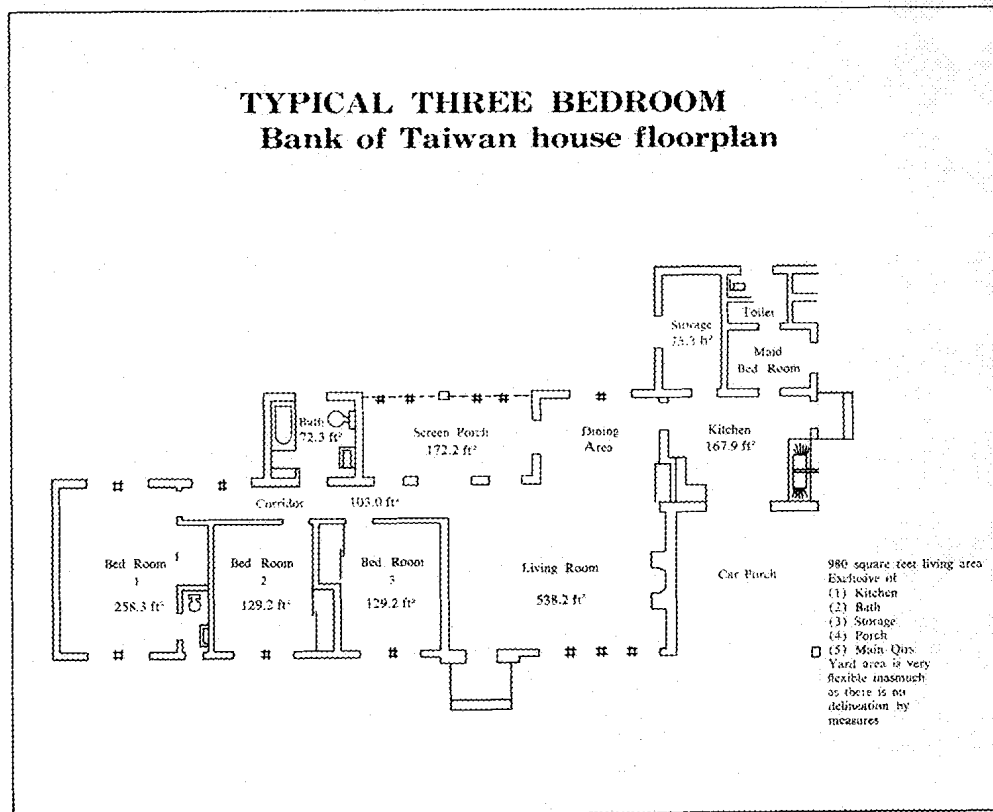
The Bank of Taiwan (BOT) manages 280 houses in the Taipei area. This housing is offered by the cognizant ACO to military personnel on a point basis. Points are determined by pay grade, number of dependents, time of arrival on Taiwan and other factors. Personnel coming from unaccompanied tours or ships deployed in a combat zone are given extra points.

Officers in paygrade O-6 and enlisted personnel in paygrade E-9 are eligible for immediate assignment to BOT housing and may be placed on waiting lists by sponsors prior to arrival.

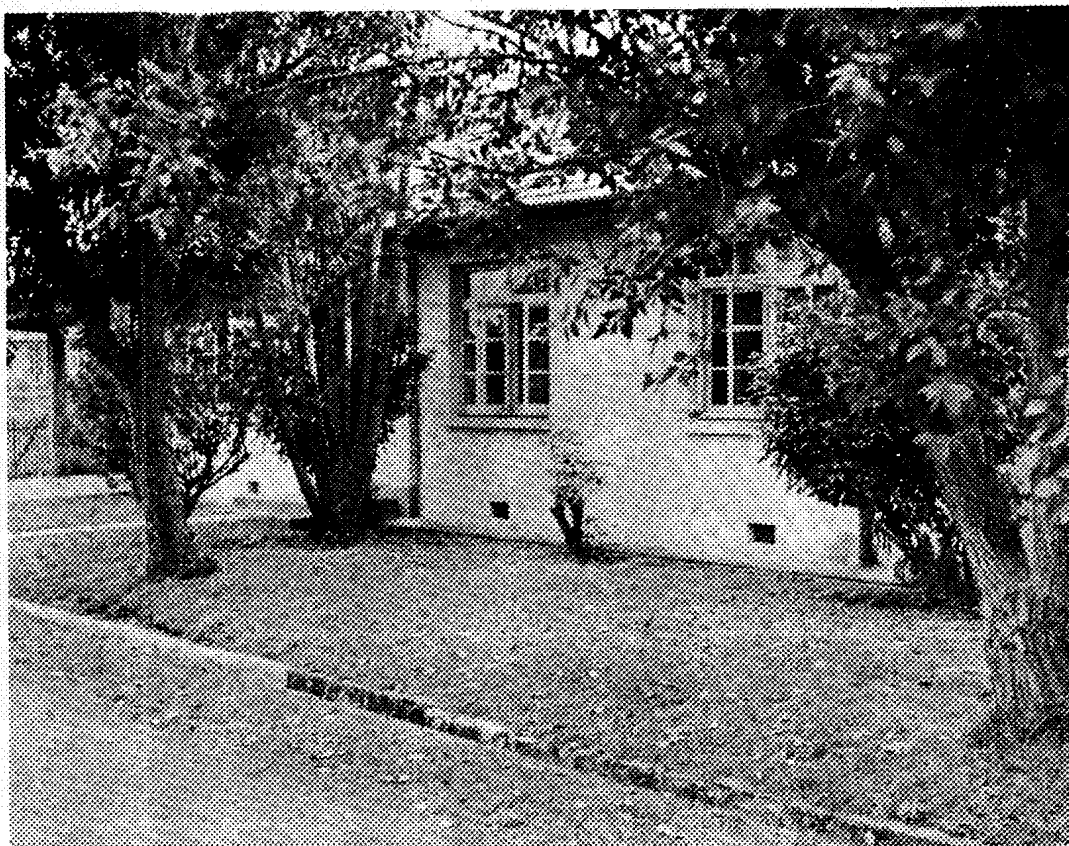
BOT rents are generally lower than private rentals of comparable size with rates varying from \$70-\$100 per month for wood frame houses and from \$100-\$125 per month for masonry homes. A waiting period of 4 to 6 months is usual for personnel other than O-6 or E-9 desiring assignment to BOT housing.

Application for BOT housing should be submitted as soon as possible after arrival on Taiwan since eligibility is determined by placement on a housing list maintained by the housing office. This does not obligate the acceptance of BOT housing.

As a general rule, BOT houses are older and receive a slightly lower level of maintenance than private rental housing.



The floor plans of both old and new BOT housing are similar



A typical new BOT rental, Tien Mou

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, FURNITURE, AND PACKING

As you begin to prepare for your move to Taiwan, you should separate your personal property into the following four categories:

(1) Regular household goods shipment to Taiwan. This is generally received 6 to 11 weeks after shipment and goes by surface transportation.

(2) Those items for permanent storage in the U.S.

may take with him if he is traveling by ship.

After the mover has picked up your household goods for shipment to Taiwan, you should have the following documents in your possession:

(1) One copy of your Application for Shipment of Household Goods (DD Form 1299).

(2) One copy of the government bill of lading, if applicable.

(3) One copy of the inventory made at the time your household goods are picked up.

The ability to assist families arriving on



An old Bank of Taiwan dwelling in Tien Mou

(3) Hold baggage consisting of those items which you will want soon after your arrival. Place most of your clothing in this shipment as well as towels, wash cloths, vital kitchen tools (although you are not allowed to cook while living in temporary quarters), ironing board and iron, and your flat silver. Although most hold baggage is air shipped, delivery time from and to the States will range from three to ten weeks.

(4) Hand baggage will accompany you and your dependents on your trip. Traveling by air, military dependents are each authorized 66 pounds of luggage unless otherwise specified in their orders. They are also allowed to take hand luggage aboard their aircraft if it is small enough to fit under their seats. There is practically no limitation on the amount of luggage a person

Taiwan rests heavily upon the early receipt of paperwork. Please ensure that the Transportation Officer arranging your move furnishes the Supply and Fiscal Officer (Code 356), HED-SUPACT, Box 25, APO San Francisco 96263, via air mail:

(1) One copy of your orders.

(2) One copy of the completed government bill of lading.

(3) One copy of the completed Transportation Control Movement Document, if available.

(4) One copy of the completed Application for Shipment of Household Goods (DD Form 1299).

In some cases, the Transportation Officer will not be able to furnish a Transportation Control Movement Document. However, the other documents are available and their early

receipt will aid the HSA supply office in handling your household goods.

Depending on the point of origin, the average transit time for household goods being shipped to Taiwan runs between 42 and 80 days. Your preferred arrival date should take this fact into consideration.

Since there are few furnished private or BOT house rentals available in the Taipei area, most families moving to Taiwan will ship their furniture. Because of the climate, mildew and other factors, some families prefer to store very expensive or fragile furniture in the United states.

If you prefer to leave your furniture in the U.S., it is estimated that the overall outlay to furnish a house with locally bought furniture is about \$1,000 to \$2,000, depending on quality and style. Total expenses for local furniture, initial rental, and other considerations may require up to \$3,000.

Furniture stores are plentiful in Taipei, and furniture made to your specifications can be purchased at reasonable prices. Approximately three to four months should be allowed for production of locally made furniture from the time your order is placed. Since all locally made furniture is hand-crafted, customers should feel free to monitor the design, construction and assembly of their order and the scheduled delivery date.

Rattan and teak are the most common construction materials used in furniture manufacture in Taiwan. While rattan is lower in price than teak, teak is used in approximately 90 percent of local furniture orders. Although limited in choice, ready-made rattan and teak items can be purchased.

Here are suggested items for you to bring with you:

Living And Dining Room

Floor lamps, table lamps, pictures and decorative accessories, radio (electric and battery operated) and record players (and record collections) should be brought if you already have them. The Exchange stocks a good supply of radios and record players, and prices are more favorable than those found in the U.S. Components for a stereo ensemble may be purchased at attractive prices. Due to the mildew problem, wool rugs may not be desirable. Whether or

not you bring your books or musical instruments is a matter of personal preference. They do need special care.

Kitchen

Bring your refrigerator and freezer. Repair facilities are inadequate and spare parts practically nonexistent, so make sure that your unit is in top mechanical condition. Disposition of articles on the local economy, especially electrical appliances, is rigidly controlled. These items are available at the Exchange periodically, although brands are limited. Gas stoves, using bottled gas, are widely used. Everyday dishes, glassware, silverware, pots, pans, and the usual kitchen gadgets you desire should be brought. Some dishes, flatware, and kitchen utensils are available in the Exchange. Due to the rough handling of dishes, glassware and silverware by some servants, you may choose to leave your valuable items in the U.S. In some areas there is insufficient water pressure for efficient operation of dishwashers.

Bedrooms

Bring your stateside beds, mattresses, springs, chest of drawers, and all baby equipment. An electric blanket for each bed is suggested for use during the cold season as well as mildew protection during the other seasons (they can be procured in the Exchange). Bring an automatic alarm clock; electric alarm clocks are not recommended. Bring bed pads, pillows, bed spreads, usual requirements in sheets, pillow cases, and blankets.

Bathroom

Bring your usual requirement in towels, bath sets, etc.

Laundry

Automatic washers work in most all areas of Taipei. An electric dryer will prove to be very convenient during the rainy season. Laundry tubs, if in your possession, should be brought along, and of course, your padded ironing board and iron or steam iron.

Heating And Cooling Systems

There are no central heating systems in the homes in Taiwan. Most houses have fireplaces. Space kerosene heaters are recommended. Space

heaters are available at the Exchange and occasionally used ones can be obtained from someone rotating to the States. Electricity is expensive here, so large electric heaters are not recommended. Bring whatever fans you have. Ceiling fans and oscillating fans can be purchased locally for about \$15 each. Some people find ceiling and oscillating fans adequate, while others feel the need of air conditioners. It depends on you and whether the air conditioners help or hinder your breathing when sleeping in a humid climate. Heating and cooling combination air conditioners are available at the Exchange and are reasonably priced. Dehumidifiers are considered essential by many people and are often in short supply at the NEX.

Draperies

Window sizes differ so in the various homes that it is difficult to give window measurements. Generally speaking, the major windows in most homes are greater in length and width than in U.S. type homes. Expensive drapes or fragile window coverings should be stored since storm windows are not used locally, and leaks through windows are common during heavy rains and especially during typhoons. There is a great amount of window covering material on the local market. Although the quality is not the best, the cost of material and labor for making drapes is less than the cheapest ready-made drapery found in the U.S.

Linens

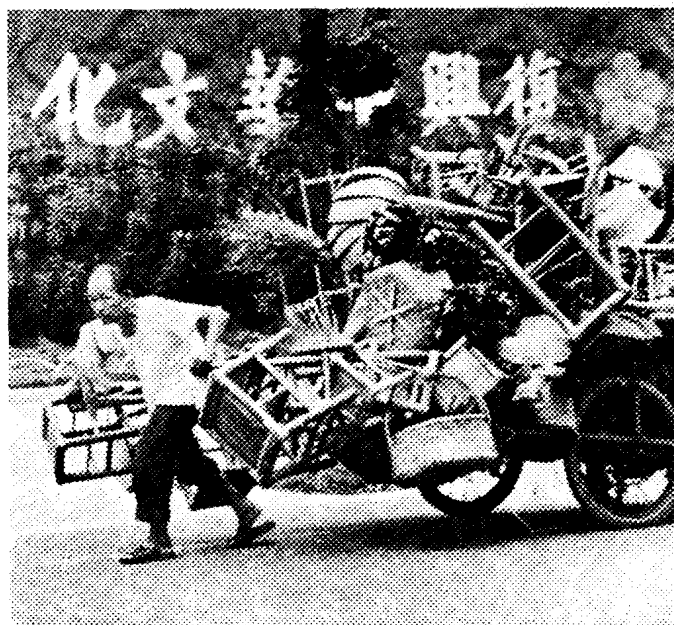
Bring your usual requirements.

Miscellaneous

The following items are nice to bring along *if you already have them*: porch furniture, portable barbecue equipment, children's play equipment, sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, camping equipment for Scouts, wrenches, screw drivers, hammer, etc., holiday decorations and supplies, and catalogs. Use your own discretion in bringing fur coats, expensive overstuffed furniture, valuable crystal, china, sterling silver, valuable paintings, or other expensive decor.

MOVE-IN COSTS

Throughout various portions of this booklet, there are references to the cost of this and the price of that. Arriving personnel will find



If you think you've got moving problems. . . .

that they may need a fairly sizeable amount of ready cash upon arrival, depending on what appliances and other household items must be bought at the Navy Exchange. To assist in your advance planning, the following is a summary of typical move-in expenses:

Item	*Average Price
Air conditioner (limit of two per family)	\$275 each
Stove, gas	160
Stove, electric	175
Refrigerator	240
Freezer	220
Dehumidifier	80
Hot water heater	110
Telephone deposit	25
Draperies	150
Washer	175
Dryer	160
First month's rent	150
Installation costs for appliances	50

***Prices are subject to change without warning**

In addition, sufficient funds should be available to defray cost of meals, transportation, and other daily necessities until receipt of initial TLA payment.

UTILITIES

One of the first problems facing a new resident is making arrangements for the various

utilities needed to set up housekeeping. As in the U.S., the cost of water and electricity is not included in the rental payment and must be contracted with the appropriate utility company.

Electricity

Electrical current in Taipei is 110/220 volt, 60 cycle. Service varies from dependable in Taipei to erratic in outlying areas. You may plan on using any stateside appliances. Monthly electrical bills range from \$30 per month during the winter if reverse cycle air conditioners are not used, to up to \$100 per month during the summer if air conditioners are used for most of the day and night, a frequent requirement if you wish to be completely comfortable.

Arrangements for obtaining electricity can be made with the following companies, depending on locale as indicated below:

Taipei: Taipei Electric Company, Number 73 Ku Ling Street, Taipei, TTA 377131/377111.

Tien Mou: Shu Lin Electric Company, Number 204 Fu Lin Road, Shu Lin, TTA 882377.

Grass Mountain: Yangmingshan Electric Company, Number 111 Chung Shan Road, Grass Mountain, TTA 886135.

Wellington Heights and Peitou: Peitou Electric Company, No. 55 Wen Chuan Road, Peitou, TTA 892272.

In each housing area there is a specific day on which meters are read preparatory to billing. Approximately 10 days later (your neighbor can tell you the exact date), a man will come with the bill. You can pay him directly or you can go to the Taiwan Power Company office which serves your area. You can determine your electric bill by subtracting the last meter reading from the current one and multiplying by NT\$ 91. If you live in the Grass Mountain area, add a fee of NT\$8.2 for meter rental. It is prudent to take your own meter reading to ensure correct billing.

Water

Water service, except that used for cooking and drinking, is automatically furnished. The cost is very nominal, with bills seldom exceeding \$3 per month. Potable water for drinking and cooking is obtained from vendors located in or near the various housing areas—amahs usually

handle this for you. The cost of bottled water varies depending on the size of the family, but usually runs about \$5 per month. As an alternative, five gallon plastic jugs can be purchased locally, and free water obtained from the MAAG NCO Open Mess, Taipei Air Station or the STRATCOM site on Gold Mountain.

Household water has to be paid for each month. There is a meter which is read and your bill will come approximately one week after this reading. You pay the company representative directly when he comes to read the meter and presents you with the bill. Water costs should not exceed NT\$150 per month. If you receive a bill which exceeds NT\$150 and you are not filling a swimming pool, you should have the water company check the meter. You may find that you have a leak in your pipe which is watering someone's rice paddy.

Bottled Gas

Bottled gas is also available from local vendors. Again, your amah will make initial arrangements or you can look up a company in the English language telephone book. Cost is about \$4.25 per bottle of gas, with a refundable deposit of \$10 per container payable upon initial delivery. Personnel should insure that their deposit will be returned prior to making rental payment for their gas container.

A tank of gas will last approximately three weeks. You will find it a usual occurrence to run out of gas when you have a souffle in the oven for 12 people for dinner — therefore it is well to have a spare tank on hand.

Wood

Wood for heating in the winter is obtained from vendors who will frequently stop by your house or who can be directed to your house by your amah or landlord. Expense for this can run up to \$25 per month during the winter, depending on the size of the house and frequency of use of a fireplace.

Kerosene

Kerosene space heaters are commonly used for heat during the winter months and can be purchased at the Navy Exchange or on the local economy at a cost of \$20 each. Kerosene is sold

at or can be delivered to your home by the Navy Exchange gas station. Some American families prefer to rent a kerosene heater on the local market because of the added convenience of not having to worry about the heater's upkeep and maintenance. Also, unlike kerosene heaters purchased at the Exchange, all rented kerosene heaters come equipped with fuel containers which are in short supply on the local economy and non-existent at NEX facilities. Rental fees are approximately \$25 per winter, plus the expense of your fuel. Your amah, neighbors or landlord can direct you to those shops on the local market which sell or rent kerosene heaters.

Garbage Collection

Your housing area will have its own garbage man who collects your garbage on a daily basis. There is no charge for this since he will sift through your garbage and resell most of it. However, it is not a service to be forgotten when it comes to Chinese New Year, Christmas or other major holidays. To do so may mean an accompanying lack of service.

Telephones

To have a telephone installed, you must obtain an application form from the HSA Housing Office. This form is then taken to the telephone desk in the Main Exchange Service Center, HSA East Compound, for final processing.

The waiting time for telephone service varies according to the area in which you live. But, in most places, it usually takes from 10-14 days to have your phone installed from the date of application. Persons living in some areas, (which includes downtown Taipei) where no telephone lines are available, may have to wait up to 8 weeks for telephone service.

Upon notification by the telephone company, you are required to pay a refundable \$25 deposit and a \$6.25 installation fee. Persons living in Taipei, Wellington Heights and Peitou are required to make these payments at the following telephone offices:

Wellington Heights/Peitou: Building 176, Kwan Ming Road, Peitou.

Taipei: Building 44, Section One, Jen-Ai Road.

Personnel residing in Shu Lin, Tien Mou and Grass Mountain can pay their telephone

deposits and installation fees at the telephone desk in the Main Exchange. However, like persons residing in Taipei, Wellington Heights and Peitou, they must go to the telephone office in their residential area to receive their deposit after termination of their telephone service at the NEX telephone desk or at their local telephone office. The locations of these offices are as follows:

Shu Lin: Building 156, West Lin Road.

Tien Mou: Building 23, Road 1.

Grass Mountain: Building 2, Section 1, Chung Cheng Road, Yangmingshan.

Monthly charges are \$5.25 for local service, with long distance calls extra. These bills can be paid at the telephone office in your area or at the telephone desk in the NEX service center.

The Chinese phonebook issued with each telephone contains a small English section. If you can't find a number there or in the U.S. Forces Taiwan Telephone Directory, dial 316796 for the English-speaking telephone operator. The TME operator can help you with any needed extension number.

HOUSE HUNTING

Obtaining housing is an individual responsibility and your initial action in beginning the search for a house is contacting the housing office. This is a must. The housing office will provide you with a list of available housing and a list of real estate agents authorized to do business with U.S. military personnel. The HSA Housing Office in Taipei will provide you with an information pamphlet with suggestions and "Do's" and "Don'ts".

Most Americans have found that real estate agents are the most effective way of sizing up the housing market quickly. Their services are free to the house hunter. Remember, though, deal only with agents approved by the housing officer.

In the Taipei area, the "chop" system is used to establish an individual's right to lease a house. The "chop" system is really a priority system, and a "chop" is a rental promise to you by the landlord. "Chop" forms are available from the housing office. When this form has been signed by you, "chopped" by the landlord, and registered in the housing office, a priority is established if several people are seeking to

rent the same house.

If you desire, your assigned sponsor may "chop" a house for you prior to your arrival. Due to the limited duration of "chops," this practice is recommended only if your household goods arrive before you do, or if you are willing to pay up to two months rent without being able to live in your house.

After your "chop" is registered, the housing office will inspect your house for acceptability and a rental ceiling will be established. You will receive a copy of the inspection form, noting any discrepancies, from the housing office. It is in your interest to ensure that the landlord corrects any deficiencies noted. Pay particular attention to comments on the electrical wiring. Wiring is old and inadequate in many houses and can cause a fire.

The final step in the renting process comes in getting the landlord to agree to the rental ceiling established by the housing office. If you and the landlord do agree, the housing office will prepare a standard lease for you and the landlord. Compared with standard U.S. real estate leases, the lease has many features favorable to the tenant, including a unilateral renewal clause and termination on 30 days notice in case you get unexpected orders.

Read your lease thoroughly and exercise your rights and responsibilities directly with your landlord or his agent. The housing office is available to assist in arbitrating disputes.

A word of advice on house hunting. First, decide on areas. Once you have made up your mind as to where you want to live, then you are in a position to line up three or four real estate agents to keep you informed of everything on the market or about to come on the market. Second, don't be in a great hurry. The more time you spend looking, the greater the chance you have of finding exactly what you want and where you want. Third, check on the general flooding pattern in the area where you have chosen a house. Fourth, be aware that empty houses are usually shown before they have been cleaned or renovated. Don't be appalled — it will look perfect before you move in, and besides, this gives you an opportunity to express your own desire and choice of color schemes. Finally, familiarize yourself with key points in the suburban Taipei area. Then when you see a house in Tien Mou, Peitou, or some other

locale, you will be better able to have an idea of where it is in relation to main roads, transportation, etc.

One important note of caution — be sure the landlord has fixed everything that he has promised (on the HSA inspection form there will be check marks beside things that should be corrected) before you move in. Some seem to think that when you move in they are released from any responsibility. The lease clearly states your recourse if the landlord does not fulfill his commitments.

House hunting can be a trying, time-consuming experience, but with your sponsor's assistance it does not necessarily have to be so.



Gracious living is a way of life for most American families living in the Taipei area

Chapter 5

SOFA, Customs and Identification

SOFA

The Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) implements many of the provisions of the 1954 Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of China.

SOFA, for practical purposes, is an international agreement, which, generally, governs the presence and operations of U.S. military forces on Taiwan.

This agreement establishes various procedures and privileges for military and civilian Department of Defense (DoD) personnel and their dependents. Among those areas covered by SOFA are commissary, exchange and military post office privileges; boundary clearance requirements; criminal jurisdiction and duty-free import of household goods and personal belongings.

The SOFA Joint Committee is composed of one U.S. representative (the Chief of Staff, U.S. Taiwan Defense Command) and one Chinese representative (currently, the Director, North American Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs). They consult on a regular basis to implement the specific provisions of SOFA.

The basic aspect of SOFA, most significant to members of our official American community, is the fundamental recognition that as guests in a sovereign country, we are subject to the laws of that nation and must abide by the principles laid down in those laws. MAAG personnel and their dependents are exempt from the jurisdiction of the Government of the Republic of



All Americans, while guests of the Republic of China, are subject to the laws of their host country and are expected to abide by the provisions of the Status of Forces Agreement

China under special agreement terms with the U.S. However, all other DoD employees are subject to Chinese law as specified by SOFA provisions. While certain exercise of Chinese jurisdiction has been waived for SOFA-governed U.S. military personnel, their dependents, civilian employees of U.S. military forces and their dependents are totally subject to the laws of the GRC.

CUSTOMS

Goods and property for the personal use of U.S. military personnel and their dependents are allowed to enter and leave the Republic of China duty-free.

Among those items which cannot be imported to or exported from Taiwan are explosives, gold bullion, inflammable material, narcotics, certain plants and animals, unregistered firearms, obscene material and publications which advocate sedition. Pirated editions of copyrighted



Incoming personnel at Sung Shan Republic of China Air Base, Taipei, are carefully checked by Chinese officials to see if their papers are in order. Right, an HSA customs official inspects luggage of an American serviceman.

books, records or music, while readily available and legally purchased in local bookstores, are prohibited from being exported from Taiwan.

According to U.S. customs laws, Americans stationed on Taiwan with duty-free privileges are allowed to send to the States, on any one day, tax-free bonafide gifts, purchased in the Republic of China, which do not exceed \$10. After this amount, additional fees will be charged by U.S. customs officials according to the type and value of each item mailed. A declaration form must be attached to each package, regardless of the value of its contents.

Further information on customs regulations can be obtained by reading COMUSTDC Instruction 5480.1D or by contacting the HSA Customs Officer in the HSA West Compound.

PASSPORTS, ID CARDS

Passports, visas, clearances, identification and privilege cards are a way of life for U.S. government employees being stationed overseas.

Normally, U.S. servicemen stationed in the Republic of China will not require passports or visas. The two exceptions are the American Embassy, which requires its members and members of their households to have diplomatic passports (black); and the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG), which requires its personnel and their dependents to have official passports (maroon).

All accompanying dependents, except those sponsored by the American Embassy, are required to have Official Passports, and entry visas granted by the nearest Republic of China Embassy. Entry approval for dependents can be given by the commander of the sponsor's gaining organization on Taiwan.

In order to expedite port calls, application of passports should be made with the nearest servicing personnel office within three to seven days after receipt of overseas PCS orders. Complete information on passport application procedures, including required photos and documents, will be explained by the sponsor's personnel officer or his representative.

American personnel who expect to make government-directed temporary trips out of Taiwan can, upon their arrival in Taipei, go to the Consular Section of the American Embassy and apply for an official, no-fee passport. U.S. enlisted military personnel are cautioned to bring their validated birth certificates for proof of citizenship. Commissioned officers born in the United States are not required to submit proof of citizenship. They need only to enter their rank on the passport application and show their military identification card to the clerk who authenticates the application. However, other commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers must submit proof of citizenship. The hospitable staff of the Consular Section can, if re-

quested, tell visitors the passport and visa requirements for nations they plan to visit and where they can make arrangements for travel clearances. The number of the American Embassy is TTA 333-551.

Upon arrival on Taiwan, all American military personnel and their dependents will be issued the following documents:

Chinese Identification Card, issued by the Ministry of National Defense. This must be in the possession of the owner when traveling on Taiwan or in territories under the control of the Government of the Republic of China. Dependents who are five years of age and older are required to have this identification.

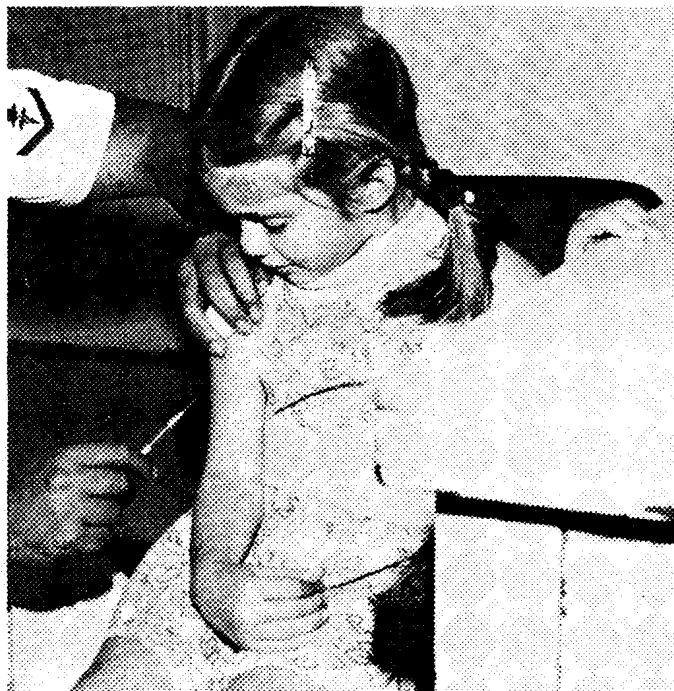
Exchange and Commissary Cards, which must be shown to be admitted to these two facilities, are issued to sponsors and their authorized dependents who are 10 years of age or older. American servicemen and their wives are issued commissary and exchange cards with identical shopping privileges. Their youngsters up to the age of 18 are given commissary and exchange cards for identification purposes only. Those who are 18 years of age are given commissary and exchange cards which permits them to purchase limited amounts of food, beer, soft drinks and tobacco.

With copies of your PCS orders, PMO will issue temporary permits which will enable you to make purchases, not to exceed \$50, at the Navy Exchange and Commissary.

American Embassy Shop Card, issued to sponsors and their wives, must be shown to purchase alcoholic beverages and other merchandise at the American Embassy Shop.

Chinese Driver's License, issued by the GRC Highway Bureau, is required for operators of private vehicles on Taiwan. No driver's test is required. However, a valid Stateside license is required at the time of application.

With the exception of the American Embassy Shop, U.S. military personnel and their dependents working in the Taipei area can apply for and receive their ID and privilege cards from the HSA Provost Marshal office or through their unit pass and registration sections. To save processing time of ID and privilege cards, a sponsor is encouraged to have the following number of 1 x 1 inch ID photos taken prior to leaving the States: 12 each of himself and wife and 8 of each child. The American Embassy Shop Card, once



The medical corpsman told her she had nothing to fear. Still, this little girl looks as if there could be a credibility gap

ID photos have been taken, can be obtained at the American Embassy Shop.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All U.S. government employees being stationed in Taiwan are required to have an up-to-date record of the following immunizations prior to departing the United States:

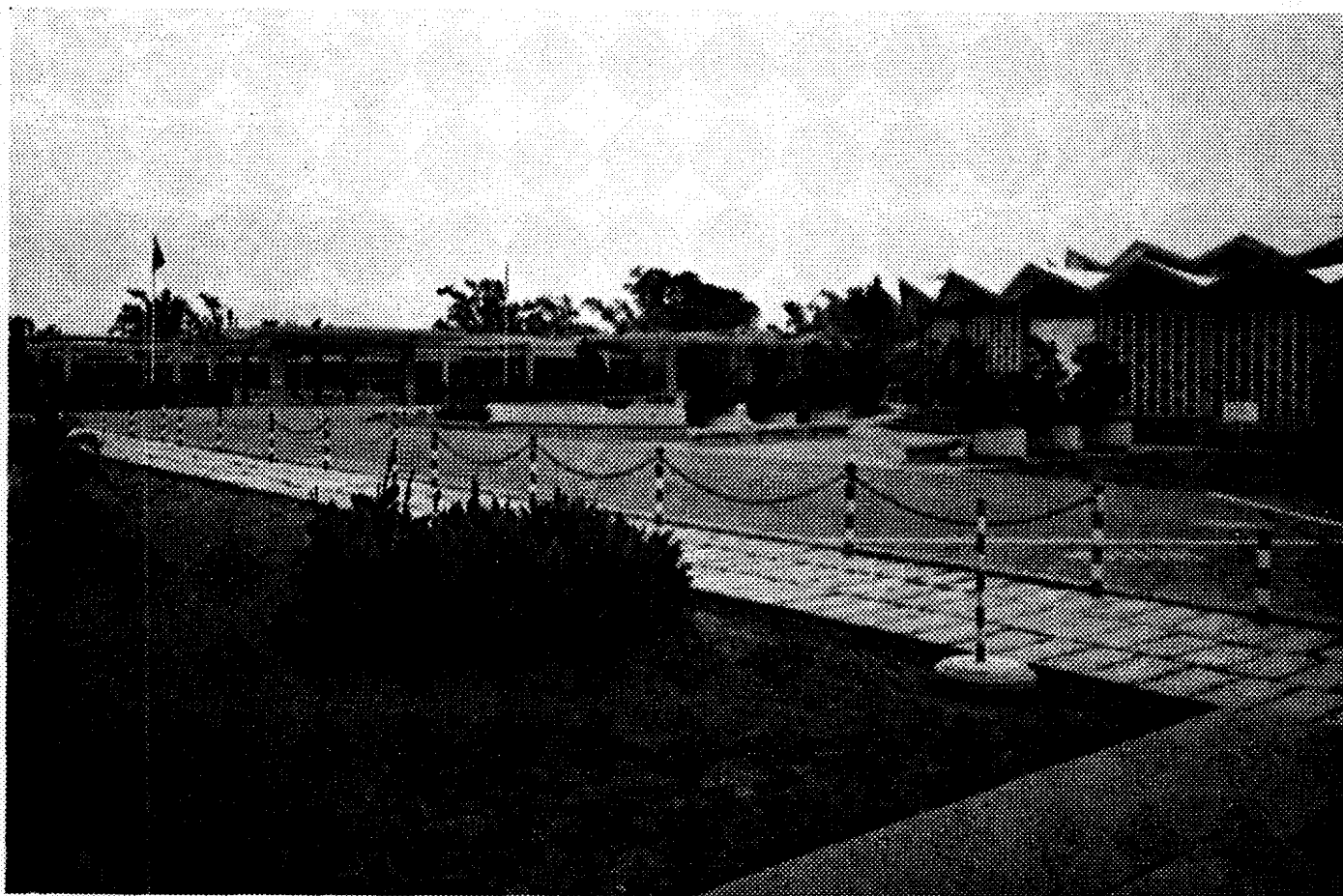
Immunization	Frequency
Smallpox	Once every 3 years
Typhoid	Once every 3 years
Tetanus and Diptheria	Once every 6 years
Cholera	Once every 6 months
Polio	Initial oral
Yellow Fever (military only)	Every 10 years
Influenza	Once every 12 months

Delay in getting these required immunizations could result in a delayed port call. In the case of dependents, the delay could prevent concurrent travel.

Upon arrival in Taiwan, personnel can receive the periodic required immunizations at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Taipei, or at dispensaries located at most American military installations on the island. Other immunizations may be directed from time to time in the event of an epidemic or as additional health precautions.

Chapter 6

Schools



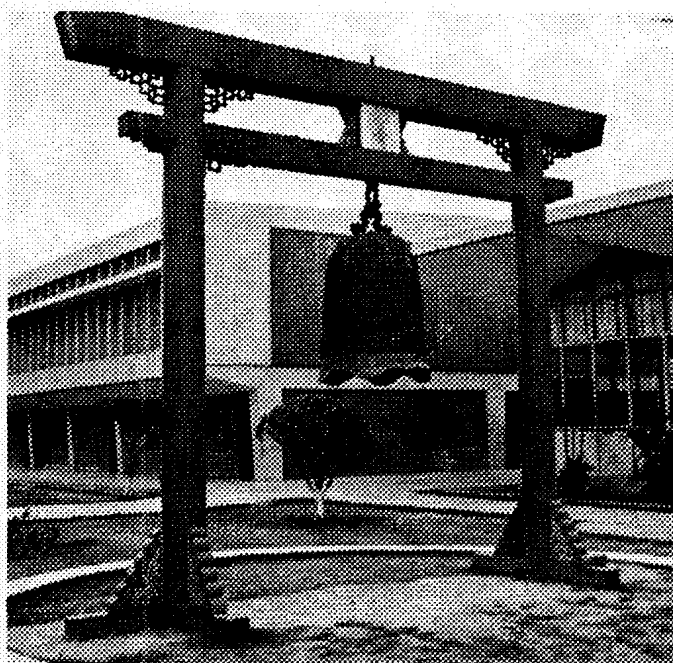
Taipei American School, Taipei, offers a curriculum which would rival most schools in the United States



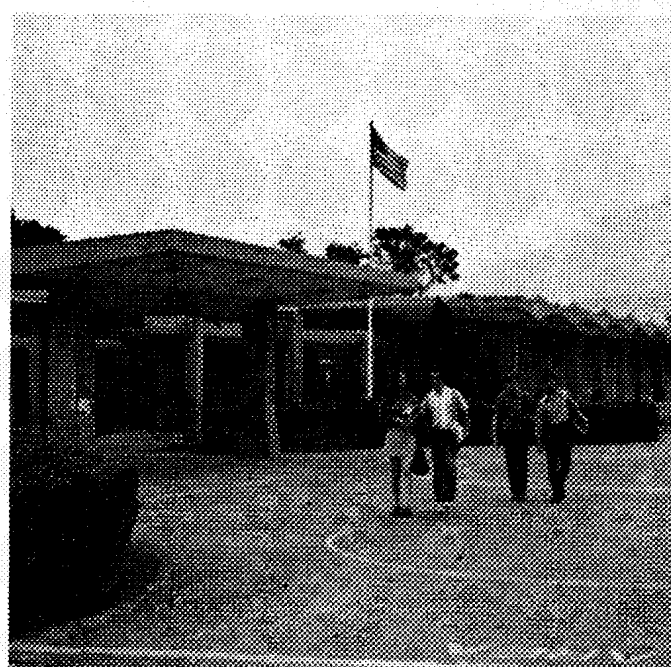
**A Taipei American School high school student concentrates on her sewing task
(Photo By Walter E. Murdock)**



**Elementary students at Taipei American School vividly show their feelings
about going to the library (Photo By Walter E. Murdock)**



This Buddhist temple bell at Taipei American School is perhaps one of the most unusual landmarks to be found on any American school campus



Campus scene, Taipei American School

SCHOOLS

School facilities are available in grades kindergarten through 12 in all areas on Taiwan where dependents of U.S. government employees are located.

The U.S. government will pay tuition costs from kindergarten through high school for command-sponsored dependents of Department of Defense (DoD) personnel. Non-command sponsored personnel should be advised that they may be required to pay individual tuition costs ranging from \$250-\$1,300 per year.

The two types of schools on Taiwan are: **A** DoD operated and **B** contract schools. A contract school is a privately run institution which has a contract with the U.S. government for the purpose of educating eligible DoD-sponsored children. Except as indicated, all of the following are contract schools:

Bethany Christian School is a branch of Morrison Academy of Taichung. Bethany is operated by four Protestant missions from the U.S. and features classes in kindergarten through the 7th grade. This is a small school, staffed by missionary teachers, which generally limits its classes to 20 students. With such small classes, individual attention is stressed and the teachers utilize many modern teaching aids. Facilities include a small library and playground.

Dominican School, operated by Philippine



A first-grader encounters a math problem during a Taipei American School elementary class session

sisters from the Order of St. Dominic, has classes in kindergarten through the ninth grade. Studies are conducted in a traditional classroom setting and are taught by both nuns and lay teachers. The school is similar to most parochial schools found in the States. A limited number of courses for college prep and business students are offered in the ninth grade. Facilities include a gymnasium and multi-purpose room, library, biology, science class, laboratories and a cafeteria. The school also has several extra-curricular activities.

Saint Patrick's Catholic Kindergarten is located in the Grass Mountain residential area and is operated by Franciscan sisters. The school offers fine facilities for educating the kindergarten school children.

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Nursery and Kindergarten, located in the Tien Mou residential area, is operated by the Daughters of Charity. The school has a play area, a small library and snack room.

Taipei American School is the largest school

on Taiwan and offers classes in grades kindergarten through 12. The elementary program is reading-centered and the school has a variety of modern visual aids and utilizes many modern instructional methods. The high school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Grades seven through 12 feature the modular form of class scheduling. A wide variety of high school courses are offered for students contemplating college or business pursuits. School facilities include a swimming pool, elementary and high school library and gymnasium. Numerous extra-curricular activities are offered including sports, honor clubs and a student council.

In the Taichung area, within the vicinity of Ching Chuan Kang Republic of China Air Force Base is *Morrison Academy*. Kindergarten through the 12th grade are taught by missionary teachers utilizing modern teaching aids and techniques. Facilities include an excellent library, swimming pool and gymnasium. Extra-curricular activities are similar to those in most state-



Dominican School, Taipei, is operated by the Catholic Church and provides kindergarten through ninth grade instruction



Two toddlers enjoy a story at St. Vincent De Paul Nursery and Kindergarten School, Tien Mou

side high schools.

Department of Defense operated *Jonathan Wainwright* and *Stephen B. Luce* schools in Tainan and Tsoying, respectively, serve DoD students in these two areas. The Wainwright school teaches grades kindergarten through 12, while the Luce school has classes from kindergarten through the eighth grade. The teaching staff is made up of U.S. civilians. Modern teaching aids, such as motion pictures and visual aids, are utilized in all grades at both schools. Wainwright High School is accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association. High school students living in the Tsoying area are bussed daily to Wainwright. Facilities include physical education areas and equipment and a multi-purpose room, a library and laboratory.

For more information concerning Taiwan schools, contact the DoD Dependent School Officer at Taipei Air Station, APO San Francisco 96280; Ching Chuan Kang ROCAF, APO San Francisco 96319; or Tainan ROCAF, APO San Francisco 96340. Personnel whose dependents have special learning disabilities should write the school officer on the availability of Special Education Programs prior to coming to Taiwan.

SCHOOL BUSES

The United States government furnishes free bus transportation for eligible DoD-sponsored children to and from the following schools: Bethany, Dominican, Taipei American, Morrison, Wainwright and Luce.

Operating during regular and summer school sessions, the buses run during normal school days.

School bus stops are located throughout Taipei, Tien Mou, Grass Mountain, Wellington Heights and Peitou.

All children must have special HSA passes to board these buses. These permits must be obtained by the parents and can be picked up at the HSA Transportation Office located immediately behind the bowling alley in the HSA West Compound. The bus number and time for boarding are listed on the bus pass.

Monitors ride each bus to maintain discipline, insure that children get off at the right stop and provide help to any youngster who is in distress.

COLLEGE PROGRAMS

College undergraduate and graduate programs are available to all U.S. government employees and their dependents in the Taipei area.

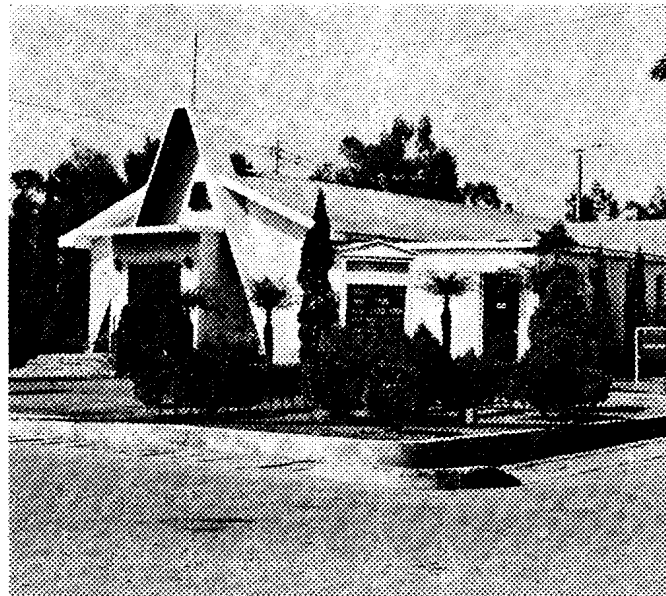
The University of Maryland offers a wide range of courses in its off-duty program. The classes meet two nights a week, three hours a night for eight weeks at the Taipei American School. There are five, eight-week terms per calendar year. The classes offered span the average curriculum, with the exception of classes requiring laboratory sessions.

The University of Southern California, College of Education, offers a Master of Science Degree in Education program which is coordinated through the Taipei American School. Participants in the degree program must meet all the requirements for admission to the USC Graduate School. These requirements include a Bachelor of Arts Degree from an acceptable undergraduate school, an acceptable grade point average and an acceptable score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). USC offers all the courses required for meeting Master's Degree requirements. Classes are six weeks in duration and meet at Taipei American School for three hours daily, except Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in the late afternoon. Each course is worth six college credits.

Qualified personnel may receive tuition assistance from the U.S. government. Complete details can be obtained from your unit's education officer.

Chapter 7

Chapels, Churches



The HSA Chapel, left, and the Shu Lin Kou Air Station Chapel

MILITARY CHAPELS

American military chapels in the Taipei area are located in HSA's West Compound, Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

The ministerial staff of each chapel is available at any time to help servicemen with their personal problems. They also offer pre-marital and family counseling.

Services offered by each chapel are as follows:

HSA- Protestant Worship Services, Sunday, 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., with Church School conducted at 9:15 a.m. at Taipei American School; Catholic Mass, Sunday, St. Christopher's Church,

Taipei, at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. Bus service, which goes to residential areas throughout Taipei, can be caught to and from Taipei American School. Contact the HSA Chapel Office (TME — 2173) for further information.

Taipei Air Station- Protestant Worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Shu Lin Kou Air Station- Protestant worship Service, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Catholic Mass, 11:15 a.m. daily and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

A Jewish Sabbath Service for all American military personnel is held at the HSA Chapel each Friday at 7:30 p.m.

CIVILIAN CHURCHES

Throughout the Taipei area, there are Christian churches of various denominations which welcome U.S. personnel and their families.

These houses of worship include:

St. Christopher's Catholic Church, Chung Shan North Road, TTA 547914, Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church, Grass Mountain, Road to Yangmingshan, TTA 882458, Sunday worship services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ, Tien Mou, Road 1, Street 40, House 11, TTA 884742, Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Episcopal, 120 Ho Ping East Road, Section 2, TTA 777740, Sunday worship at 8:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd, Episcopal, 386 Hou Kang Li, Chung Cheng Road, Shih Lin, TTA 777840, Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

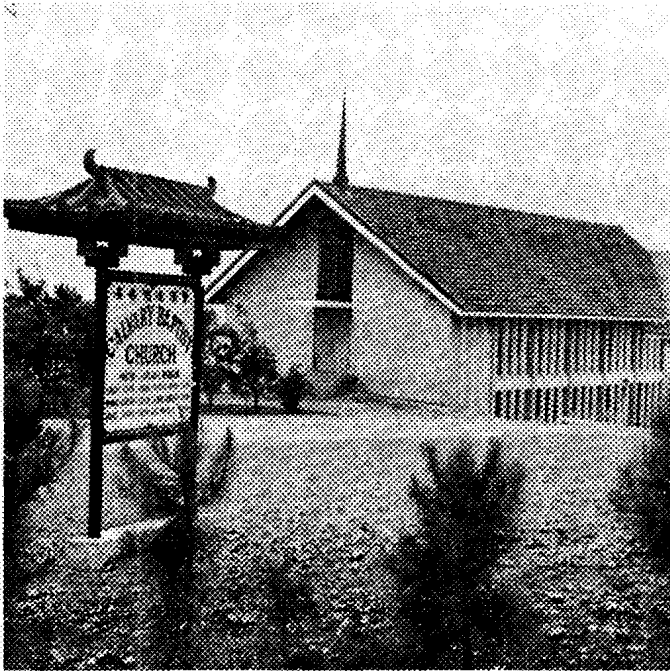
Grace Lutheran, Taipei American School, Shih Lin, TTA 884701, Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.

International Methodist, Masonic Temple 10, Lane 201, Chang An East Road, Section 2, TTA 774266, Sunday worship at 9 a.m.

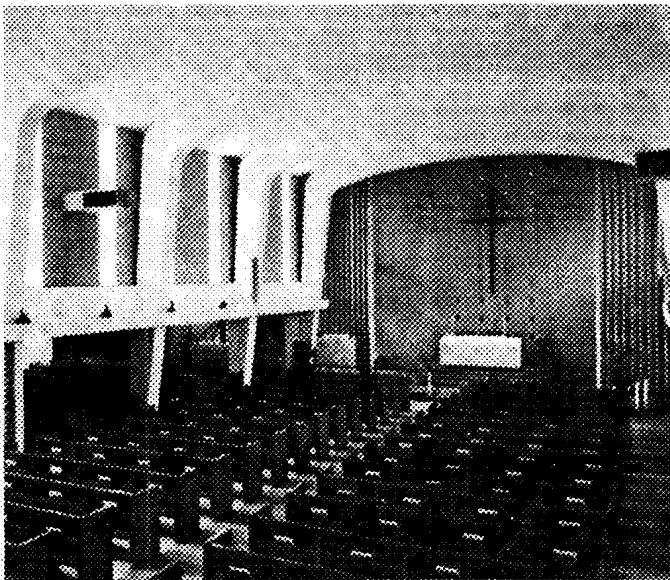
Friendship Presbyterian, 5, Lane 269, Roosevelt Road, Section 3, TTA 882309, Sunday worship services.

Pan-Orthodox Catholic Church Services, NAMRU-II, TTA 331471, Ext. 52 or TTA 781956 after duty hours (Mrs. Benton).

A complete listing of Taipei's English-speaking congregations can be obtained by contacting the Chapel staffs at HSA, Taipei Air Station, and Shu Lin Kou Air Station.



Calvary Baptist Church, near Taipei



St. Christopher's Catholic Church, a few blocks from the HSA East-West Compound, Taipei

Chapter 8

Recreation

MOVIES

The Army-Air Force Motion Picture Service operates seven 35mm and 19 16mm movie theaters on Taiwan for authorized U.S. government employees.

In the Taipei area, there are comfortable air-conditioned theaters in the HSA East Compound and at Shu Lin Kou Air Station. These facilities offer the same comforts as a regular stateside theater.

There are also military movie theaters in each of the Bank of Taiwan (BOT) housing complexes. These include Tien Mou and Grass Mountain.

All American military-operated movie houses on Taiwan show the latest motion pictures and at prices comparable to theaters on most overseas military installations.

A number of modern, air-conditioned Chinese theaters in Taipei's Hsimenting Movie District show some of the latest films from the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and, of course, Taiwan. Prices are reasonable.

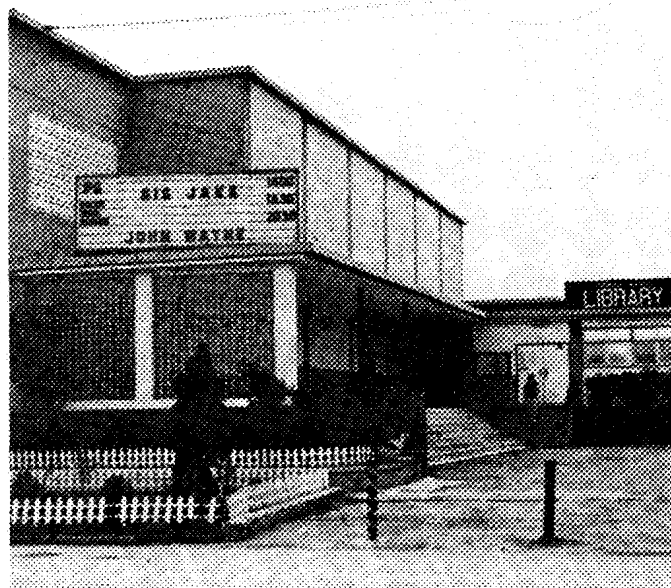
LIBRARIES, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES

A variety of Stateside reading material, including the latest best sellers, is available to U.S. government personnel stationed in Taiwan, especially those assigned in the Taipei area.

HSA, Shu Lin Kou Air Station and Taipei Air Station have well-equipped, well-stocked libraries.

The HSA Library, located in the East Compound, has more than 19,500 books; the Shu Lin Kou Air Station Library has more than 6,000 books; and the Taipei Air Station Library has more than 10,000 books. This does not include magazines and newspapers which are also available.

There are three U.S. military newspapers available in the Taipei area: the **STRATCOM**



Movie and library in the HSA East Compound, Taipei

RELAY, which is published monthly by the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command Signal Support Agency, Taiwan; the **CHINA LANTERN**, which is published weekly by HSA; and the **DEVIL DOG**, which is published twice monthly by Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

The Pacific Edition of **STARS AND STRIPES** is available at most localities on Taiwan and includes home delivery if desired.

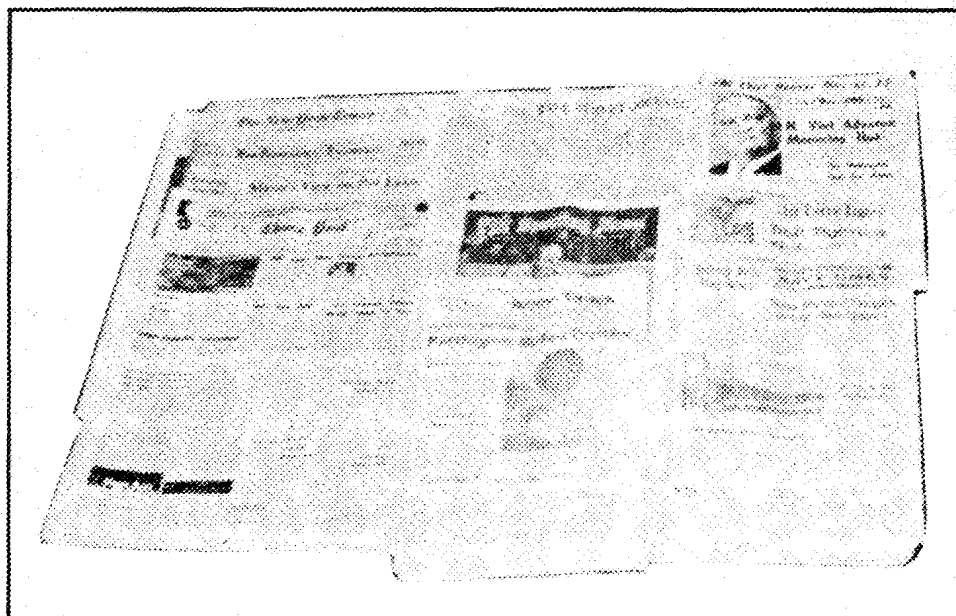
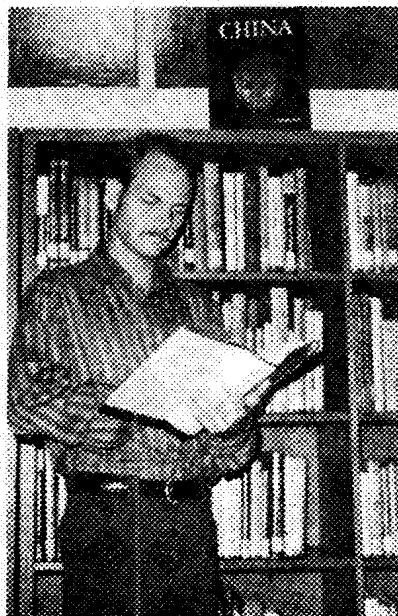
Taipei's **CHINA NEWS** and **CHINA POST**, both daily English-language newspapers, are available for 7 cents a copy. Home delivery can be obtained if desired.

Most standard periodicals, paperback books and magazines are available in the main U.S. Navy Exchange, Taipei.

RADIO-TV

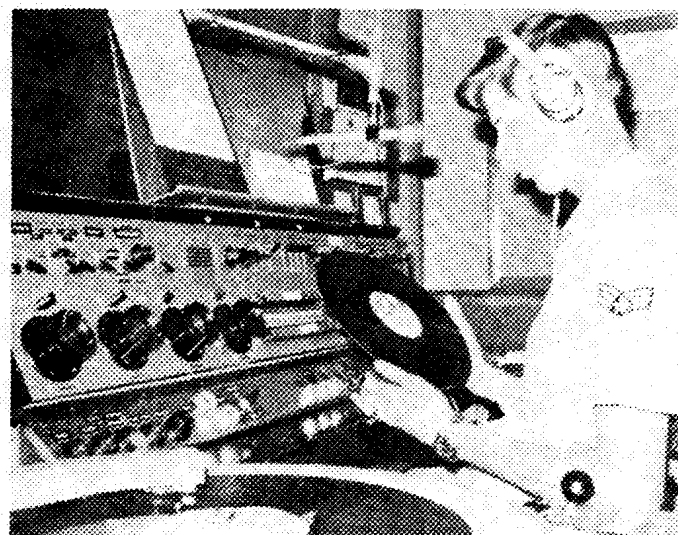
English-language radio and television programming on Taiwan is limited in comparison with radio and television broadcasting in the United States.

The Stateside sound of radio is provided to the American community in the Taipei area through the American Forces Network Taiwan



A serviceman reads one of the many books available on China in the HSA Library, East Compound, Taipei. Right, some of the newspapers which are available in U.S. military-operated libraries in the Taipei area

(AFNT), an affiliate of the world-wide American Forces Radio and Television Service. AFNT broadcasts 24 hours daily at 1550 on your AM dial and 13-16 hours daily at 100.1 on your FM dial. Both channels feature information, education and entertainment, plus security information in times of emergency. **The bulk of the program service is produced by the American Forces Radio and Television Service in Los Angeles. AFNT also broadcasts locally produced material and news from commercial wire services.** Programming on FM is geared to easy listening music. Schedules are available by writing the station.



American Forces Network, Taiwan, announcers provide music, sports and news 24-hours daily for radio listeners throughout the island

A number of Chinese radio stations, located throughout Taiwan, feature both Chinese and American music. Voice of America and other English-language programs may be picked up by shortwave from the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong and elsewhere.

There is only one American military-operated television station on Taiwan. This is the closed-circuit facility at Ching Chuan Kang (CCK), Republic of China Air Base, Taichung.

Three television stations are operational in Taipei. All have limited American programming. Reception in some areas is poor.

HIKING

Hiking is a popular sport on Taiwan and there are many paths and interesting places to visit, although some paths are restricted and special permission is required to walk on them.

There is very little overnight camping because of various Chinese restrictions, extremely damp evenings and poisonous snakes.

The Taiwan Hiking Association, Taipei, supplies maps and information for those interested in hiking or climbing. Necessary equipment, security permits and guides are available.

Representatives from the local Christian missionary and military communities also sponsor a camping and hiking organization called "Triple C Camps" (Christ Can Conquer). Activities sponsored by "Triple C" afford opportunities for young people from the various

American schools on the island to participate in summer camps, weekend retreats, occasional cross island hikes and other special activities.

The various Boy Scouts of America troops throughout the island make frequent hiking and camping trips.

May and June have proved to be the best months for mountain climbing. Many peaks offer real challenges, even to the experienced climber.

CAMP MCCAULEY

Camp McCauley, one of the most beautiful beach resorts in the Orient, is operated by HSA Special Services. This recreational facility is located on Taiwan's northeast coast, approximately one hour driving time from Taipei.

Year-round facilities include picnic tables, charcoal grills, a children's playground area, vending machines, wash rooms and 30 house-keeping cabins, many with bathrooms. The cabins are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be rented on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the HSA Special Services Office in the HSA East Compound. Rental fees vary from \$3 to \$7.

The Camp McCauley beach area, which offers excellent swimming and some surfing, is normally open from April 1 through October 15. Resort facilities during this period are open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are expanded to include cabanas and chairs; a snack bar; a recreation hall which features movies three nights a week; an air-conditioned bar; surf board rentals and instruction; and a mini-retail store.

During the summer months, free bus transportation is provided daily to and from Camp McCauley for U.S. military personnel and their dependents. Buses to the camp leave the HSA East Compound Bus Stop, behind the HSA East-West Theater, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on weekdays and 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. They return at 3:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

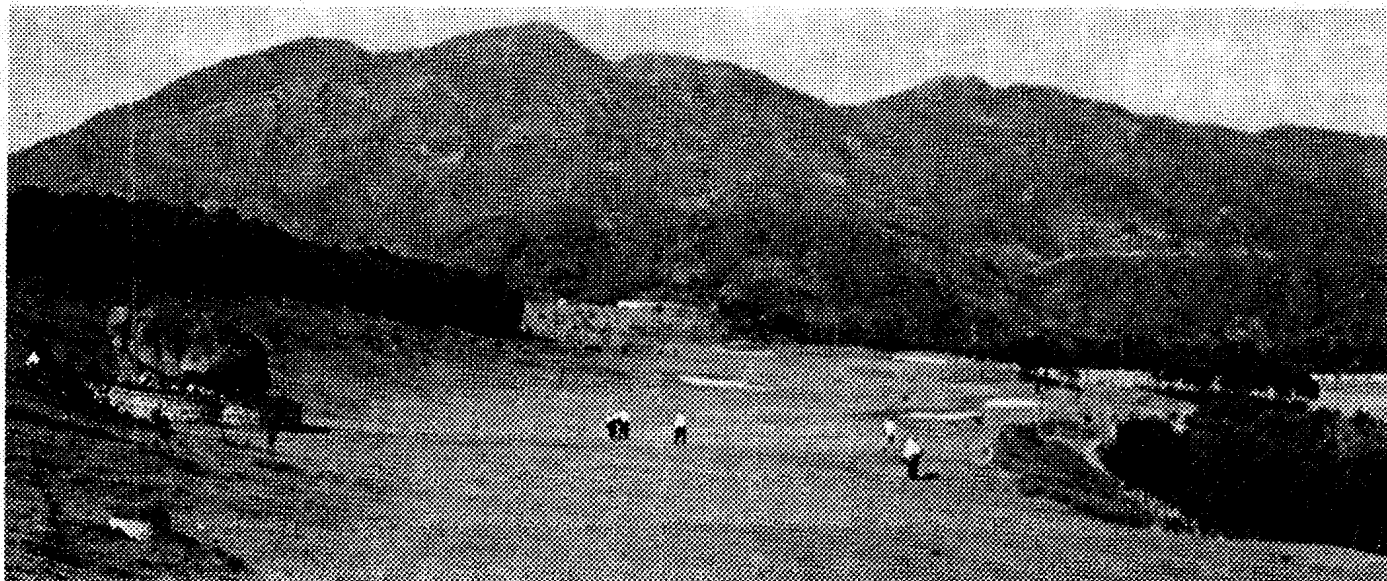
Additional information on Camp McCauley can be obtained by calling the HSA Special Services Office at TME 2581 or TME 2897.

GOLF COURSES

Golf enthusiasts should find the Taipei area an excellent tour of duty since there are seven courses within easy driving distance.



Children romp and play on the beautiful beaches of Camp McCauley



The 18th hole at the Peitou Golf Course

They can test their skill, endurance and patience on the following 18 hole courses: the Taiwan Golf and Country Club (Tamsui), approximately 35-40 minutes driving time from Taipei; Lin Kou International, approximately 45 minutes to one hour driving time from Taipei; New Tamsui, approximately 25 minutes from Taipei; and the Peitou Kuo Hua Golf and Country Club, 20-25 minutes from Taipei.

Should they find their time limited, they can swing, chip and putt on these nine-hole courses: the Taipei Golf Course, on the outskirts of Taipei, and the Far Eastern Golf Course, towards Lin Kou and 15 to 20 minutes driving time from Taipei. Those U.S. government employees stationed at Shu Lin Kou Air Station can practice on a five-hole, par 3 course at that installation.

There are driving ranges at the Old Tamsui Golf Course and the Taipei Golf Course. The Ambassador Golfing Range, which is open to U.S. military personnel at reduced rates, is a short driving distance from the HSA East Compound.

English-speaking instructors are available to give golf lessons at the Old Tamsui Golf Course and the Taipei Golf Course. Arrangements can be made to receive golf lessons from an American instructor at the Ambassador Golfing Range. Fees are reasonable.

U.S. military personnel may purchase special passes from the HSA Special Services Recreational Check-Out Room which offers a 50-per cent discount on green fees at all 18-hole

golf courses in the Taipei area. The average green-fee for 18-holes of play, without discount, is \$10.

Avid golfers, who intend to play frequently during their tour on Taiwan, are advised to become members of the Taiwan Golf and Country Club (Old Tamsui). Initiation fees average approximately \$225, with quarterly membership fees averaging approximately \$12.50. There are added, but slight, initiation and quarterly fees for each family member who wishes to become an associate member. The club will refund more than two-thirds of the initiation fee to U.S. military members who are leaving Taiwan on permanent change of station (PCS) orders.

Although most golfing equipment can be checked out, free of charge, at U.S. military Special Services recreational check-out rooms in the Taipei area, personnel are reminded to bring their own golf shoes. Special Services check-out rooms do not rent them and they are sold in limited sizes in U.S. Navy Exchanges on Taiwan. Golf shoes which are bought on the local market are not as durable as U.S.-made shoes.

Since players are required to use Chinese caddies, which are plentiful at all courses, it is highly recommended that personnel leave their golf carts at home.

Additional information on transportation, fees, course facilities and equipment can be obtained at the HSA Special Services Recreational Room in the HSA East Compound, the Taipei Air Station Special Services Office, and the Shu

Lin Kou Air Station Special Services Office.

TENNIS COURTS

There are a number of tennis courts in the Taipei area available to U.S. government employees and their dependents.

HSA has two tennis courts in the STRATCOM Compound immediately adjacent to Pacer Field. There are also courts at Tien Mou, Shu Lin Kou and Grass Mountain.

Although there are public courts throughout the Taipei area which are open to Americans, many of these are dirt-finished and are not Stateside quality.

Those persons who habitually haunt the tennis courts or who would like to become proficient in tennis may wish to join the Taipei Tennis Club located at Number 4, Section 4, Nanking East Road, Taipei. The club, which has an international membership, has the welcome mat out for Americans. Membership fees are \$3.75 per month. Open daily, the club has eight tennis courts (dirt finish) and, for a reasonable fee, will provide English-speaking instructors to give basic and advanced tennis lessons. Club officials also maintain a list of island-wide courts and will give detailed directions to each of them. Additional information can be obtained by calling the club at TTA 783647.

U.S. military personnel can obtain tennis equipment from the Special Services Recreational Check-Out Rooms of HSA, Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

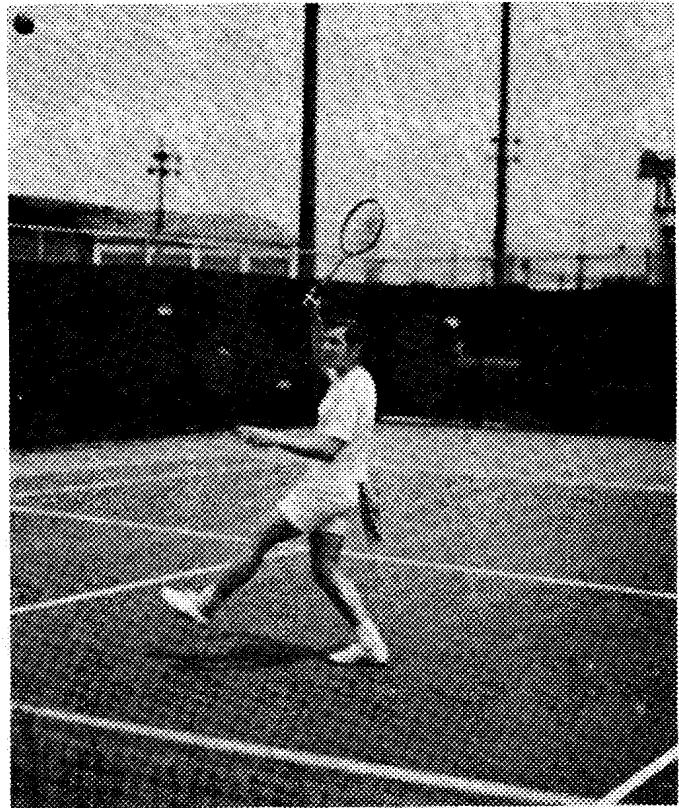
FISHING

Fishing is available on Taiwan and a license is not required.

Some fresh water fishing can be found at the various lake resorts and mountain streams. However, since there is little or no attempt to stock fish in these areas, the fishing is not considered good.

Periodically, HSA and Shu Lin Kou Air Station Special Services will sponsor fresh-water trips for U.S. military personnel and will provide free transportation, tackle and bait. Notices of these trips are well-publicized.

During the summer months, the Rod and Gun Club arranges for its members salt-water fishing trips off the coast of Keelung. A nominal



There are numerous American military-operated tennis courts throughout the Taipei area

fee is charged for boat rental, bait and transportation.

Special fishing parties may also be arranged for ocean fishing after careful preliminary arrangements with the Chinese government.

American military personnel can use, free, fresh and salt-water fishing tackle from the HSA and Shu Lin Kou Air Station Special Services Recreational Check-Out Rooms.

HUNTING

A 3-year moratorium on all hunting in Taiwan was declared recently by the Republic of China.

SWIMMING AND BOATING

Although there are excellent facilities for swimming in the Taipei area, boating is limited on Taiwan.

Authorized U.S. government personnel and their families can enjoy modern swimming pool facilities at the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) Officers' Open Mess, the MAAG NCO Open Mess, Taipei Air Station, the Tien Mou and Grass Mountain Youth Activities Centers and at Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

The only officially sponsored ocean beach



Swimming at the MAAG Officers' Open Mess, Taipei



A perfect follow-through at the HSA Bowling Lanes, HSA West Compound, Taipei

in the Taipei area is Camp McCauley (see Camp McCauley, this chapter).

Green Lake, near Taipei, offers gondola-like boat rides for families for a very nominal sum.

BOWLING

American military-operated bowling facilities in the Taipei area are excellent.

U.S. government employees who are bowling enthusiasts are encouraged to bring their equipment. Those who have been active in league play should also obtain a letter from their league secretaries stating their averages.

All military facilities and leagues on Taiwan are ABC sanctioned. Both handicap and scratch leagues are in operation.

HSA has a 10-lane alley in the HSA West Compound, with two lanes available for open bowlers; Tien Mou has a six-lane alley; Grass Mountain, a four-lane alley; and Shu Lin Kou Air Station, a six-lane alley. A bowling alley is currently under construction at Taipei Air Station.

League bowling is normally limited to five nights a week, with weekends reserved exclusively for open bowling. This includes moonlight and Red Pin bowling.

Dependent Youth Activities, through arrangements with Special Services Offices, have various bowling centers reserved during the day to accommodate younger generation bowlers.

SPORTS PROGRAMS

U.S. government employees stationed in the Taipei area can enjoy one of the finest U.S. military sports programs in the Orient.

Sports enthusiasts stationed with any of the military units in Taipei, including Shu Lin Kou Air Station, can participate in the following varsity and/or league events: basketball, bowling, chess, distance running, flag football, golf, handball, horseshoes, paddleball, squash, swimming, slow pitch softball, softball, skeet, tennis, table tennis and volleyball.

Pacer Field, located in the STRATCOM Compound, and the outdoor ball park at Shu Lin Kou Air Station, are sites for most of the flag football and softball games played in the Taipei area.

Varsity and league basketball games in the Taipei area are played at the Taipei American



Name the sport, like flag football, left, and softball, right, and you will probably find it played in the Taipei area

School and Shu Lin Kou Air Station gymnasiums.

The Special Services Offices of HSA, Taipei Air Station, and Shu Lin Kou Air Station sponsor the above athletic events. They also maintain athletic facilities for squash, volleyball, table tennis, tennis, open air basketball games and handball.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Authorized U.S. government employees and their families stationed in the Taipei area can check out, at no cost, a wide variety of recreational and athletic equipment from the Special Services Offices of HSA, Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

The HSA Recreational Check-Out Room offers athletic equipment to play most sports, fishing tackle, small games, film and slide projectors, and golf passes (for modest fees). Camping and hiking equipment has been ordered.

Taipei Air Station offers all of the above, with the exception of fishing tackle, film and slide projectors, and camping and hiking gear.

Shu Lin Kou provides all of the items that are offered by HSA, plus tape recorders and typewriters.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The U.S. military-sponsored youth programs in the Taipei area are among the most comprehensive in the Far East.

Dependent children of American service-

men and Department of Defense employees, in most age groups, can participate in a wide variety of recreational activities, from swimming to bowling and from playing tennis to gyrating at the Saturday night teen club dance.

Many of the youth-oriented programs are either located at or originate from the Youth Activities Centers in Tien Mou and Grass Mountain.

The Tien Mou Youth Activities Center, located adjacent to the HSA theater and bowling alley, consists of one large ranch-style building that houses the Taipei Dependent Youth Activity Program (TDYAP) office, Boy and Girl Scout offices and the Tien Mou Teen Club.

The Youth Activities Center complex at Grass Mountain consists of one Youth Activities Building, near the HSA theater, the Grass Mountain Teen Club and the HSA swimming pool. Boy Scout meetings and registration for many youth activities are held in the Youth Activities Building.

Most boys and girls, during their tour on Taiwan, will participate in one or more of the many activities offered by the Dependent Youth Activity Program or the Tien Mou and Grass Mountain Teen Clubs.

The Taipei Dependent Youth Activity Program, sponsored by the U.S. Taiwan Defense Command (USTDC), is designed for youngsters who are between the ages of 4 and 18 years of age.

The Director, Youth Activities Taiwan,

plans, implements and supervises activities for the youth program. These activities have been divided into three sessions: Spring, Summer and Fall. The Summer Session is nine weeks and has the highest enrollment with some 1,400 children participating in more than 25 activities—from tap dancing to judo. Other activities, which are offered throughout the year, include archery, art, ballet, basic softball, beading, bowling, ceramics, China folk dancing, dress pattern design, embroidery, fencing, floral arranging, guitar, karate, judo, Indian bead making, knitting, lapidary, leathercraft, photography, ping pong, tennis and swimming.

Swimming courses, which range from Beginner to Junior Life Saving, are among the most popular youth activities. The TDYAP Youth Council sponsors not only a swim team, "The Marlins," but also hosts island-wide and Pacific area swimming meets.

Youngsters enrolled in the Dependent Youth Activity Program receive instruction in some of their recreational activities at the Youth Activities Center in Tien Mou and the Youth Activities Building in Grass Mountain. For the remainder, they use a number of well-equipped

and modern HSA recreational facilities in the Taipei area. These include tennis courts, swimming pools, bowling alley, ball fields, and an arts and crafts shop.

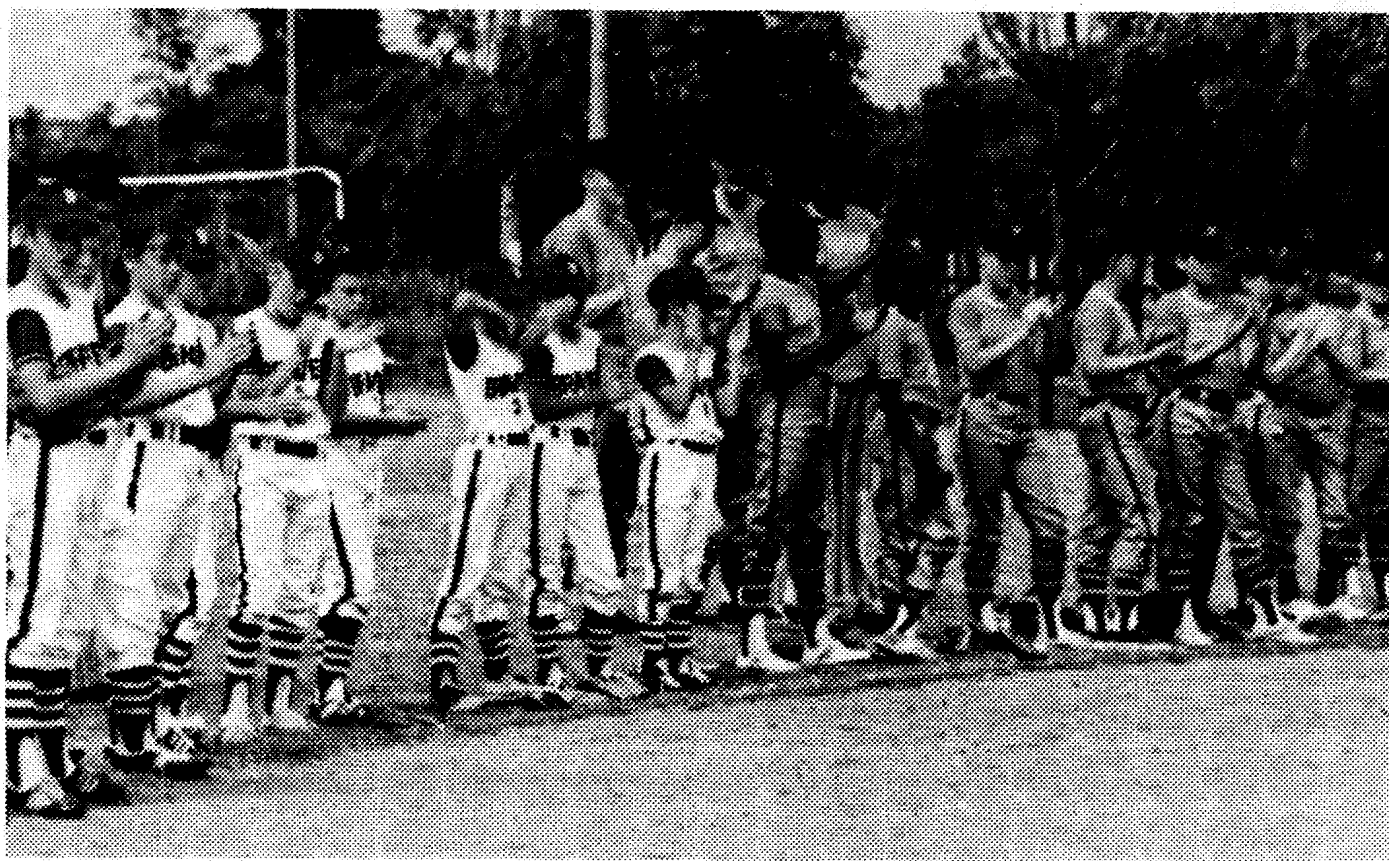
While the Dependent Youth Activity Program provides recreational opportunities for children of most ages, teen clubs are primarily in operation for the young adults.

The Tien Mou Teen Club is open to dependents 13-19 years of age and offers a snack bar, movies, a closed circuit stereo system, Friday and Saturday night dances which feature local bands, ping pong tourneys, a game room, a ball-room and free-throw basketball tourneys. This recreational facility is open each day except Sunday.

The Grass Mountain Teen Club offers many of the above services and activities, including a three-day splash party at Camp McCauley during the summer. The club is open each day except Monday and Wednesday.

All activities of the two clubs are closely monitored and supervised by responsible adults. Parents of club members are welcome anytime.

Youth and adult councils, which meet monthly, evaluate and program club activities.



Little Leaguers lineup before game time at Tien Mou



Youngsters, like these, frequent U.S. military-operated Teen Clubs in the Taipei area

ARTS, CRAFTS

A comprehensive and rewarding arts and crafts program is offered to U.S. government personnel and their families stationed in the Taipei area.

The Special Services Offices of HSA, Shu Lin Kou Air Station and Taipei Air Station offer: auto hobby shops, lapidary shops, ceramic shops, leather-working and wood craft shops, photo labs, electronics hobby shops, model work-

ing shops and art classes.

Detailed information on the arts and crafts program in the Taipei area can be obtained from the Special Services Offices of these three organizations.

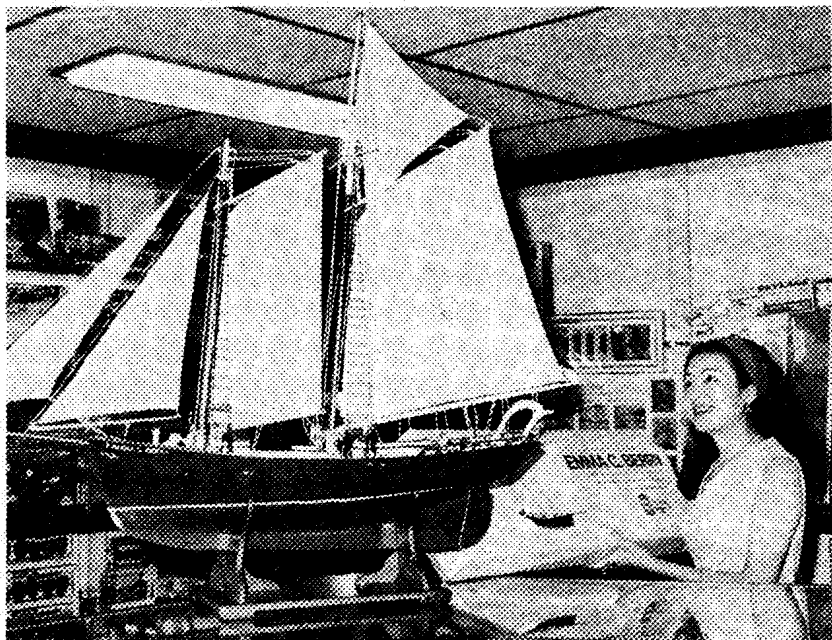
ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The Special Services Offices of HSA, Shu Lin Kou Air Station and Taipei Air Station offer additional services, normally found only on large military installations, for the comfort of U.S. military personnel and their families.

HSA offers a sauna and massage parlor, chauffeured vehicle rentals (at reasonable prices), island tours, and a temporary loan service of household items to assist families on their arrival and departure. This office also arranges USO shows for island-wide appearances.

Taipei Air Station offers the above services, with the exception of making USO show arrangements. Special Services also maintains a miniature golf course.

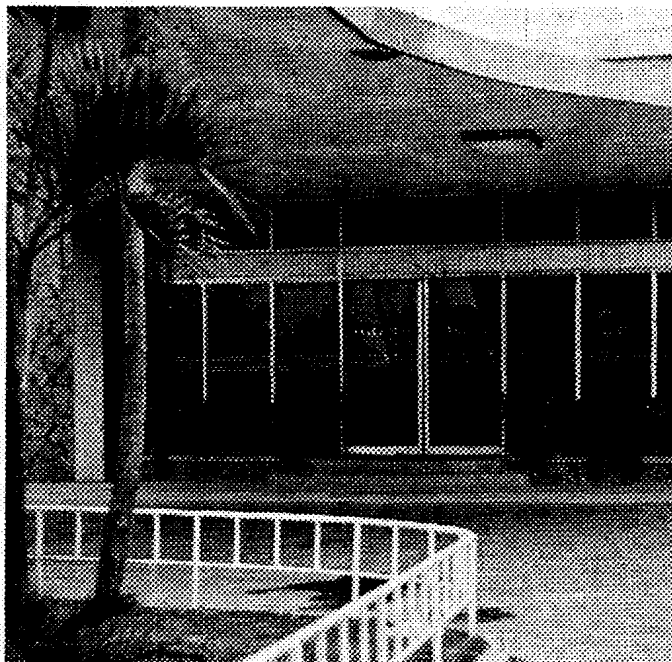
Shu Lin Kou Air Station operates a sauna and massage parlor, free vehicle service and island tours. The station's Service Club, operated by Special Services personnel, is open 24 hours daily. This facility, which is open to the entire family, features free coffee, dances, game nights, card tournaments, reading and game rooms and weekly movies.



Whether they want to build a model boat, left, or create a ceramic centerpiece, U.S. government employees can find the materials they need at U.S. military-operated hobby shops in the Taipei area

Chapter 9

Open Messes, Clubs



The entrance to the MAAG Officers' Open Mess, Taipei. Right, Fireside Banquet Room of the Open Mess

MAAG OFFICERS' OPEN MESS

The Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) operates an Officers' Open Mess one block north of the HSA compound and an Officers' Open Mess Annex near the Headquarters MAAG compound.

There are three types of club memberships for the two facilities:

Active-U.S. commissioned and warrant officers.

Associate-Dependents of U.S. officers and embassy personnel, U.S. government employees and American businessmen selected by the Open Mess membership committee.

Honorary-Special membership awarded to persons by Headquarters MAAG.

Bona fide members of other officers' open messes and their guests are welcome at the main club and the annex.

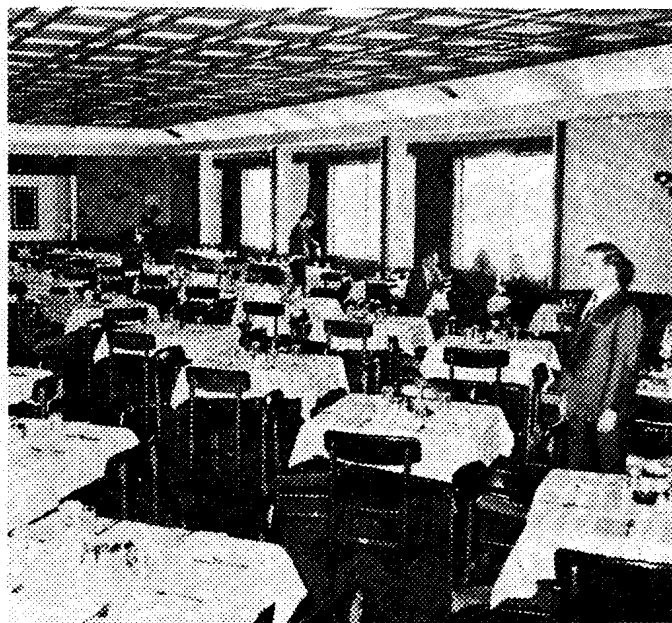
The main club offers a dining room, two party rooms, a cocktail lounge, snack bar, barber

shop, snack and pack shop, and a swimming pool. It also offers dancing nightly, weekly floor shows, game night, and a kiddie buffet every Sunday. There is also the Casual Corner, a cocktail lounge where members and guests may go when wearing casual attire. This facility features a rock n' roll band every Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The club annex offers complete dining room facilities, three party rooms, dancing five nights a week, floor shows twice weekly, a swimming pool, game night, a barber shop, sauna bath, massage parlor, a piano bar, and buffets.

Both the main club and the annex have complete check-cashing facilities. The cashiers also exchange American money to foreign currency, accept dues and sell sundry items.

Complete catering service, for all occasions, is offered by the MAAG Officers' Open Mess complex.



Dining Room, MAAG Officers' Open Mess Annex

Dress is casual except for special occasions. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday a coat and tie are required after 7 p.m.

TAIPEI AS OOM

The Taipei Air Station Officers Open Mess, which operates six days a week, is open to all officers assigned to Taipei Air Station, their dependents and their guests.

U.S. government employees who are bonafide members of other open messes will be admitted with the presentation of their club cards.

Club services include dining facilities, a bar, special party menus and catering. A cashier is available during normal operating hours to accept dues, cash checks, exchange foreign currency and sell sundry items. There are floor shows twice each month. A dance, which features a local band, is held every Friday night.

Dress is casual, unless otherwise notified.

CLUB 63

The Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) Noncommissioned Officers' Open Mess (Club 63) is located approximately five blocks north of the East-West Complex.

Membership is open to all U.S. enlisted members and their dependents.

Bonafide members of other clubs are also welcome. They, like regular members, are cordially invited to bring guests.

Club 63, which has been called the best American NCO open mess in the Far East, offers

complete dining facilities, a ballroom, a cocktail lounge, stag bar, swimming pool, game night, a barber shop, special catering service and party menus, dancing nightly, buffet dinners, weekly floor shows, daily television movies, a weekly full-length motion picture and banquet room. The club's "Sky Lounge," located on the top floor, features go-go dancers and rock n' roll music nightly.

Dress is casual except Saturdays when a coat and tie is required in the main dining room after 7 p.m.

FALCON CLUB

The Taipei Air Station Noncommissioned Officers Open Mess, better known as the "Falcon Club," is open to all enlisted men assigned to Taipei Air Station, their dependents and their guests.

Bonafide members of other NCO open messes will be admitted with the presentation of their club cards.

Club services include dining facilities, a bar, special party menus and catering, and rum-pus and party rooms. A cashier is available during normal operating hours to accept dues, cash checks, exchange foreign currency and sell sundry items. An entertainment program is provided by a house band which plays six nights a week.

The "Falcon Club" is closed Sundays. Dress is casual.

SHU LIN KOU OPEN MESS

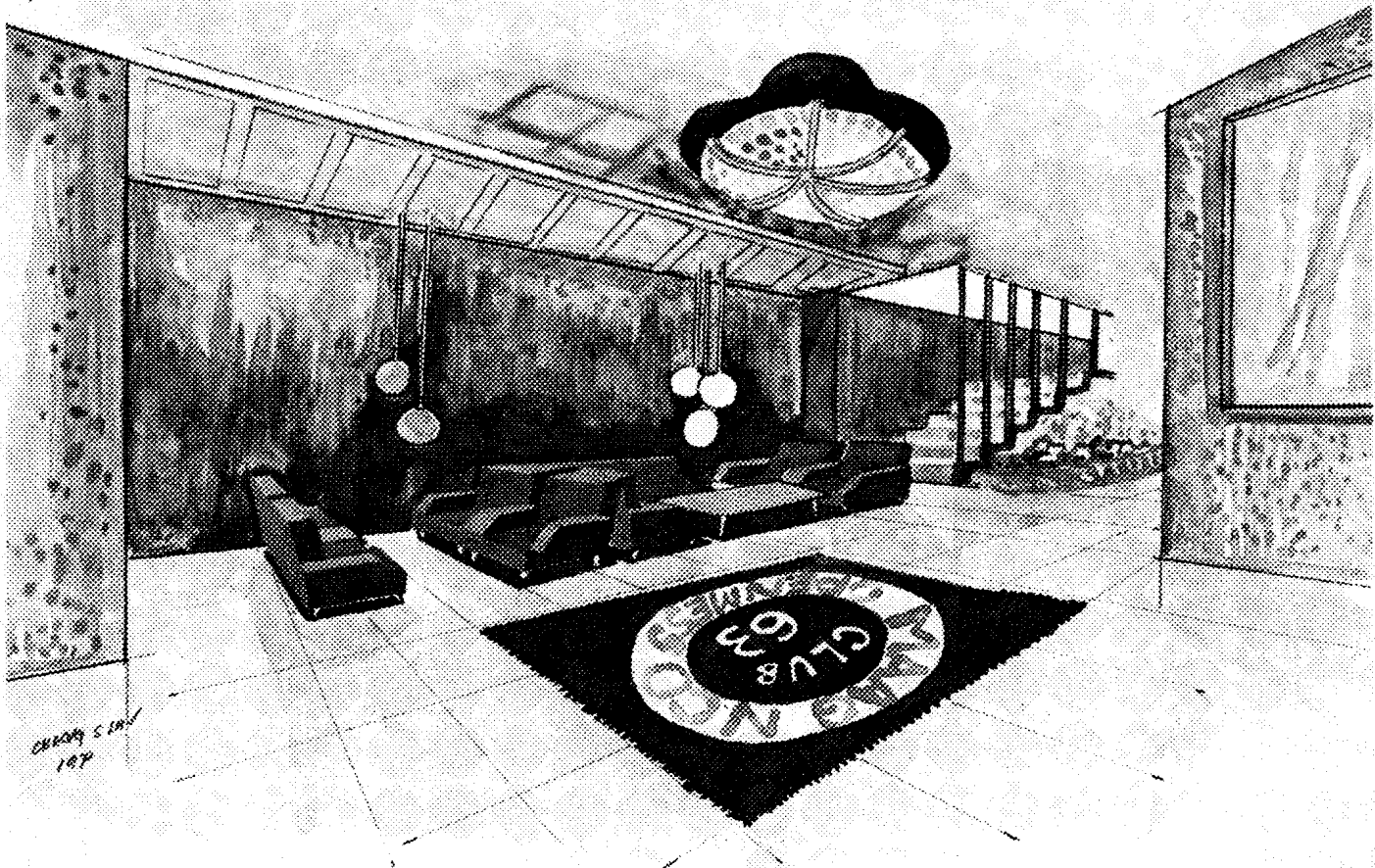
The Shu Lin Kou Air Station Consolidated Open Mess is open to all ranks. However, the Open Mess Annex is operated by and for the enlisted men of Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

These are two separate facilities, but they are all under the same management.

The Annex is located in Taipei, near the HSA East Compound and across from the Roma Hotel. Shu Lin Kou's main club is located on station.

The two clubs offer dining rooms, game nights, and ball rooms. There is dancing nightly at the Annex and dancing Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Main Club.

Both clubs offer members complete check cashing services. Their cashiers also exchange American money into foreign currency and sell sundry items.



Drawings, made available at press time, of the newly renovated MAAG Non-commissioned Officers' Open Mess (Club 63) lobby and, below, of the club's entrance.

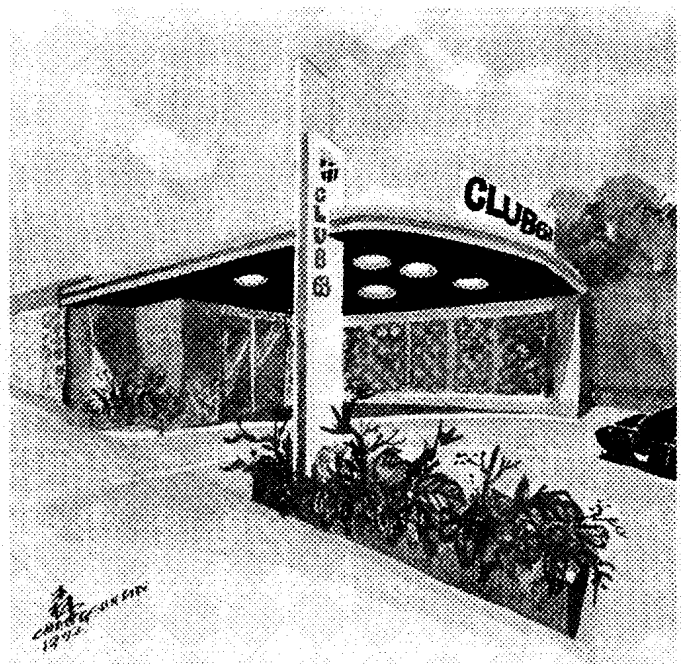
ROD AND GUN CLUB

The only Rod and Gun Club on Taiwan is located in the HSA West Compound.

Open to all authorized U.S. government sponsored personnel, the club sponsors fishing trips and advises members on the areas for fishing.

In addition to fishing, Rod and Gun Club members can enjoy excellent sport at the skeet range at Ching Chuan Kang Republic of China Air Base. Numerous island-wide skeet meets are scheduled throughout the year at CCK, normally under the management of the Rod and Gun Club.

Effective in July 1972, the Government of the Republic of China imposed a three year moratorium on hunting on Taiwan.



OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB

One of the most active women's clubs in the Orient is the United States Officers' Wives Club (USOWC), Taipei.

Membership falls into two categories:

Active-Wives of commissioned and warrant officers of all U.S. military services on active duty and serving in the Republic of China.

Associate-Wives of associate members or women who are associate members of the U.S. Officers' Open Mess; female dependents more than 18 years of age, other than wives, of the household of active members of the U.S. Officers' Open Mess; and commissioned women officers of U.S. Armed Forces on active duty and serving in the Republic of China.

Activities include monthly "Newcomer Coffees," monthly luncheons with programs, tours, bridge parties, games day, and a wide variety of classes that range from physical fitness to cooking.

Fund raising is by means of the USOWC "Boutique Gift Shop" which is located in the HSA West Compound and is staffed by USOWC volunteers. Money earned from the "Boutique" is used for a wide-range of charities in the Chi-

nese and American communities.

In addition to the above, the individual services have established their own clubs: Army Wives Club, Air Force Wives Club, and Navy-Marine Corps Wives Club.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The Taipei International Women's Club (TIWC) is open to any lady who wishes to join.

It is not necessary to speak and understand English, but English is the official language of the club and is used to conduct all business.

Membership is currently more than 400 women with more than 12 countries represented.

Activities include fund raising by means of an annual bazaar which is supported with items from nations represented by the diplomatic and civilian communities. Participation is by all members of TIWC.

The club uses the funds for such local charity work as: nursing scholarships; work with the blind and deaf; beds for a tuberculosis sanitarium; occupational therapy; special hospital care and surgery for children; gifts to orphanages, hospitals and dependent families; plus many other smaller projects.



A U.S. Officers' Wives Club luncheon, Taipei

Recreational and cultural activities include: foreign language classes, flower arranging, brush painting, Chinese cooking, Chinese art and culture, programs on other countries, bridge and numerous other entertaining projects.

Monthly meetings include interesting programs and the chance to meet an international group of ladies. For further information, contact any member of the TIWC.

MAAG NCO WIVES CLUB

The "Maagpies" or members of the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) Enlisted Men's Wives Club, Taipei, are known throughout the Far East for their active participation in promoting American goodwill.

Membership is open to all wives whose husbands are members of the MAAG Noncommissioned Officers' Open Mess (Club 63), Taipei.

Activities include monthly "Newcomer" coffees, monthly luncheons with programs, tours, bridge parties, games day and bowling leagues. The "Maagpies" also put on a variety show each Christmas for Club 63 audiences.

The "Maagpies" work hard throughout the year raising funds for scholarships and for numerous charity projects in the Chinese and American communities.

SHU LIN KOU NCO WIVES CLUB

Membership in the Shu Lin Kou Noncommissioned Officers' Wives Club is open to all wives of enlisted personnel at Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

Their activities include card parties, luncheons, bowling, pot luck dinners and charity projects.

NAVY LADIES AUXILIARY

Membership in the China Station Ladies' Auxiliary, Unit 193, Fleet Reserve Association, with headquarters in Taipei, is open to all women whose husbands are members of China Station, FRA Branch 193.

The auxiliary participates in numerous civic projects and provides assistance, when required, to FRA members and their families.

SKIN AND SCUBA DIVING CLUB

The China Sea Dragon Skin and Scuba Diving Club is an active recreational organiza-



Members of the Skin and Scuba Diving Club meet regularly to practice their aquatic skills

tion dedicated to undersea sport diving.

It is open to all U.S. military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and their dependents and other Americans on Taiwan interested in skin and scuba diving.

The club emphasizes safety in all phases of its operation.

Monthly courses are conducted for new members unfamiliar with skin and scuba diving. The courses are internationally accredited by both the National Association of Underwater Instructors and the Professional Association of Diving Instructors. Graduates receive "Certified Diver" credentials which are good all over the world.

The official monthly meeting of the club is conducted the first Tuesday of each month in the Dragon Room of the Military Assistance Advisory Group Noncommissioned Officers' Open Mess (Club 63), Taipei.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB

The Wheelers Motorcycle Club is an active organization of dedicated sports cyclists interested in promoting safe cycling.

It welcomes new riders, with or without prior experience, and conducts weekly "rides" to various places of interest on the island of Taiwan.

Membership is open to all American military personnel, Department of Defense civilian employees and their dependents. Active riders are granted full voting membership. Personnel who do not possess a motorcycle may join and will be registered as associate members.

The club meets once each month at the

Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) Noncommissioned Officers' Open Mess (Club 63), Taipei, for business purposes.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Ding How Square Dance Club, which actively promotes all phases of square dancing, meets every Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at the Grass Mountain Youth Facility.

Although the club is primarily made up of U.S. government personnel and civilians, it is open to anyone interested in participating in one of the Western World's oldest dance forms.

To become a member, one must graduate from the club's square dance course which meets one night a week for 15 to 20 weeks. Classes are held at least twice a year.

NAVY FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

China Station, Branch 193, Fleet Reserve Association, with headquarters in Taipei, is a non-profit organization which promotes the objectives of the U.S. Navy and strives to promote a better way of life for active duty and veteran seamen.

Membership is open to regular Navy enlisted men with six or more years of active service; temporary warrant and commissioned offi-

cers; permanent warrant or commissioned officers who were former enlisted men who retained their membership; and retired enlisted men.

It is a branch of the national organization in Washington, D.C.

BOY, GIRL SCOUTS

Active in Boy and Girl Scout Programs?

Do you have youngsters interested in becoming scouts and who would like to go camping, hiking and boating?

If you have answered yes to the above questions, then you should enjoy your stay in the Taipei area.

The Taiwan District, Far East Council, Boy Scouts of America, has its headquarters in Taipei.

There are five packs, five troops and three Explorer posts in the Taipei area to bid father and son welcome to the Boy Scouts of America program.

And for mothers and daughters, Girl Scouts of America has 17 troops in the Taipei area which are eagerly awaiting their arrival and friendship.

Boy and Girl Scouts on Taiwan can enjoy summer camp, hiking, outdoor craftsmanship, boat trips, international scouting events, equip-



American and Chinese Boy Scouts enjoy the friendship and goodwill of the Scouting movement

ment maintenance training and ecology. There are also organizational meetings, arts and crafts exhibitions, banquets, first-aid classes and fun-filled afternoons that are part of the busy scout program on Taiwan. Instruction is so comprehensive that a Boy Scout, if he stayed on island long enough, could work his way from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout. A Girl Scout, if she met the time requirements, could advance from Brownie to Senior Scout.

Offices of Boy and Girl Scouts of America activities on Taiwan are located next to each other in the Tien Mou Youth Activities Center. Each office has a shop where uniform accessories, Scout magazines, books and camping equipment can be purchased. Scouts, at no cost, can also check out camping equipment from the two Scout offices.

Adult leaders, especially those with scouting experience, are needed for the Boy and Girl Scout programs in the Taipei area and throughout Taiwan.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the respective scouting offices.

OTHER CLUBS

Other clubs or organizations in the Taipei area are: Taipei Chow Chow Club for gourmet appreciation of Chinese cooking, Chop Stick Club for enjoying Chinese food, Toastmaster's Club, Rotary Club, Lion's Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Ali Shan Oasis Shrine Club of Taiwan, China Institute in America, Committee for the Blind in Taiwan, American University Club, Drama Club, The Red Cross Society of China, The American Red Cross, the Taipei American Chamber of Commerce, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., and a Knights of Columbus Cadre.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information on non-military clubs and recreational facilities in the downtown Taipei area, can be obtained at the HSA Special Services Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., TTA 516004.

SOCIAL LIFE

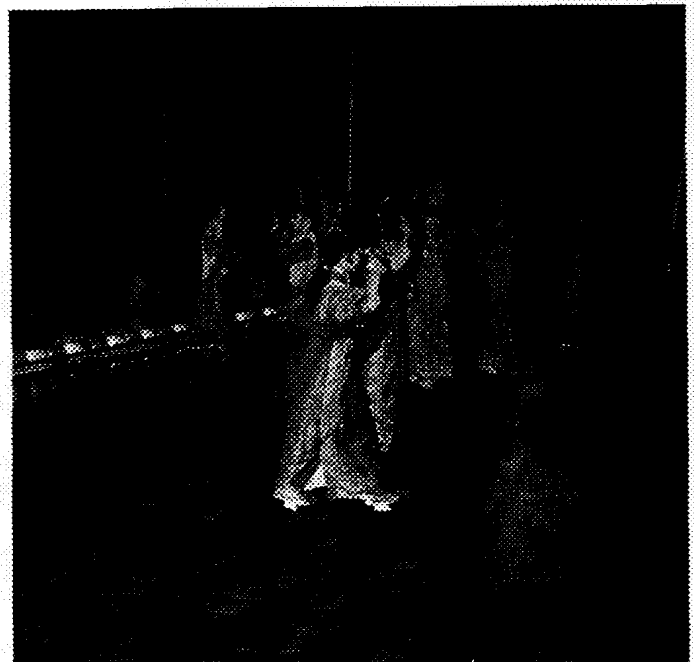
There is a very active social life in the Taipei area for U.S. government personnel and their families.

Since amahs (servants) do most of the housework, the American housewife can do many of the things she has always wanted to do: attend luncheons and card parties, paint and build at arts and crafts classes, go on exotic tours throughout Taiwan and the Far East and help with a wide variety of charitable projects.

She can also enjoy Taipei's glittering night life that includes gourmet-type restaurants, supper clubs which feature first-rate floor shows, the latest movies and dancing to the finest bands in the Orient.

Persons who like to entertain are reminded to bring their cocktail glasses, silverware, serving dishes, chafing dishes and other party paraphernalia.

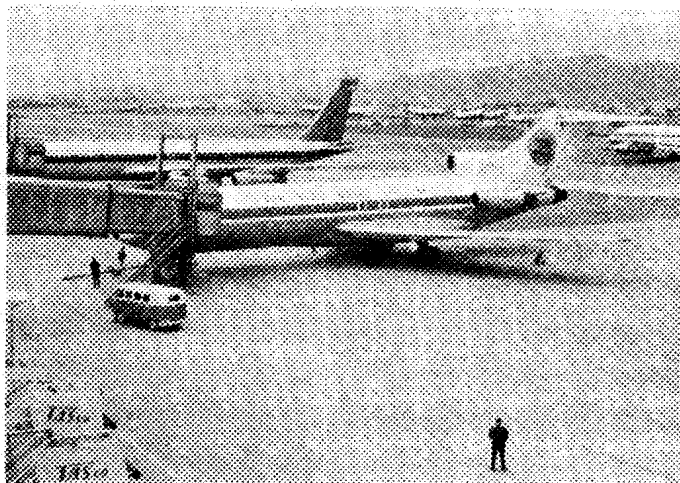
In addition to these activities, the military clubs and special services organizations also have entertainment and recreational programs to make Taiwan one of the best assignments in the world.



Taipei offers some of the most colorful, entertaining night life in the Orient

Chapter 10

Transportation



Taipei International Airport offers flights and airline connections to most major cities of the world. Right, a stewardess on a Taiwan express train

CIVILIAN TRANSPORTATION

There are four principal types of transportation used on Taiwan: airplanes, taxis, buses and trains.

Taipei's International Airport, which is about a 10-minute ride from downtown, is considered one of the most attractive and modern in the Orient.

Most major airlines have regularly-scheduled international flights from Taipei, including those to major cities throughout the Pacific and the United States. China Air Lines and Far Eastern Air Transport operate daily flights between main cities of Taiwan.

The island's 2,420 miles of railroads—including narrow gauge lines operated by industrial units—carry nearly 300,000 passengers daily. Visitors are advised to travel by the air conditioned tourist express, which offers maximum comfort, to avoid crowded local trains. The Taipei-Kaohsiung trip on the Tourist Express or "Kwanghua Express" takes six hours. Although the Taipei train station has an information desk where you can obtain the latest train schedules in English, many station and coach attendants can speak only Chinese. To avoid confusion when travelling down-island, obtain detailed information on your trip from an experienced island-traveller.

Extensive bus service is available to all cities and towns on Taiwan. In the Taipei area, you can quickly catch a bus to any section of the city, including all nearby residential areas. Your fare will usually be less than 10 cents. However, most of these buses are vintage vehicles which do not have air conditioning and are usually crowded. Charter buses, many of which are maintained by the Taiwan Highway Bureau, carry tourists on excursions throughout the island. These provide first-class, air conditioned accommodations and are as good, if not better, than most charter buses in the States. Most Americans tend to avoid the regularly scheduled down-island buses since they are in the same shape as the city variety, sometimes worse.

Small meter-taxis are plentiful in cities and towns and this will be the main way you will travel when you are without your car. Rates are NT\$6 (U.S. 15 cents) for the first two thirds of a mile and NT\$2.5 for each additional one-third of a mile. Before taking a taxi, ask an English-speaking Chinese to write on a slip of paper your destination, both in English and Chinese. The Chinese word for "slow down" is "Man", for left it is "Tso", for right, "Yo", and to stop, "Ting".

Although cheap, fast transportation is abundant on Taiwan (you can rent a car with driver, charter a plane, a boat or taxi), you

should remember that travelling on Taiwan is far different from that in the States. Numerous unpaved, unmarked roads, the non-availability of up-to-date road and city maps, and the problems of reading street and road signs can cause the unwary driver some moments of extreme frustration. To prevent getting lost or stranded, especially when you have limited time to get to your destination, make sure you know where you are going. If you don't know, find someone who does.

MILITARY TRANSPORTATION

There is adequate military transportation available for U.S. government personnel stationed in the Taipei area.

The motor transportation divisions of HSA, Taipei Air Station, and Shu Lin Kou Air Station provide military taxi service around the clock for personnel needing transportation to accomplish government business.

During regular work days, mornings and afternoons, HSA provides buses to and from home for persons assigned to major units in the Taipei area. There are bus stops located in all major districts where American families reside. Bus passes may be purchased at reasonable prices from a person's respective organization.

Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station also provide free shuttle service to and from Taipei for personnel residing on station.

The unit to which a person is assigned will make all flight transportation arrangements when they leave the Republic of China on temporary duty assignments. However, it is the individual's responsibility to insure that he has all required travel documents.

SPACE A TRAVEL

Active and retired U.S. government personnel and their dependents can travel Space Available (Space A), i.e., traveling at no cost on U.S. military aircraft or Department of Defense (DoD) contracted flights, from Sung Shan Air Base, near the Taipei International Airport. Travelers are cautioned to heed the following guidelines from the staff of the Military Airlift Command (MAC)-operated Passenger Terminal at Sung Shan:

(1) Available aircraft seats are given on a first come, first serve basis and in accordance



Space Available ("A") Counter, Military Airlift Command (MAC) Passenger Section, Sung Shan Republic of China Air Base terminal

with one of several Space A categories a person might be in. Personnel in Category One, which includes dependents of U.S. government-sponsored employees on emergency leave, are placed ahead of those in other Space A categories. They are followed, in sequence, by persons in Categories Two (American servicemen on ordinary leave), Three (students who are dependents of U.S. government personnel and on annual leave) and Four (U.S. military retirees and all other U.S. government sponsored personnel). Dependents, unless in emergency leave or student leave status, must accompany their sponsors.

(2) Persons travelling Space A should remember they can have their seats taken anywhere enroute to their destination by someone in a higher category. For example, U.S. servicemen on emergency leave orders are given the highest priority over all categories of air travel. They can, if necessary, replace passengers on regularly scheduled DoD flights. Consequently, personnel travelling Space A are advised to have enough money to defray any travelling and living expenses while on leave.

(3) Once personnel have their orders or leave papers, they should immediately go to the MAC Passenger Reservation Desk at Sung Shan and sign-up for their desired flights. Once they submit their names, they should report to the Space A passenger desk each time seats are available on scheduled flights to their destinations. Persons who are not available when their names are called for passage are removed from the Space A list. They can sign up again, but at the bottom of the list in their respective categories.

(4) Individuals who want to travel Space A, with minimum delays, should stay in a terminal until they obtain seats on their desired flights. This might prove inconvenient, but many bases get numerous unscheduled flights. Some of these are large jet transports that can carry quite a few passengers.

(5) Make sure that you have all travel documents required by countries that you may be visiting. More than one person has missed a flight because of an outdated passport, visa, or shot record.

(6) Avoid Space A travel during the summer months. Everyone from students to government personnel and their families will be travelling and seeking extremely limited Space A seats.

(7) Personnel who are the equivalent of O-6 and above can write the MAC passenger section in their area and book a Space A flight. This should be done 30 days prior to the desired departure date. Personnel desiring to depart from Sung Shan should write: Passenger Section, Detachment OLH, 61st Military Airlift Support Wing (MAC), Box 33, APO San Francisco 96263.

(8) Travellers should be aware of and observe all Federal laws and MAC regulations when travelling. Failure to do so could not only cancel your flight, but could result in Federal prosecution.

Flights, with possible Space A seats available, leave every other day for places throughout the Orient. These include flights to Okinawa, Japan, Republic of Vietnam, Thailand and the Republic of the Philippines. There are also frequent unscheduled flights to Clark Air Base, R.P., and Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

Flying Space A to the States from Taipei is possible, but extremely difficult. Most of the five flights which leave Sung Shan each month for McChord Air Force Base, Wash., are chartered, with all seats usually reserved for outgoing personnel. Connecting Space A flights to the U.S. are usually caught in Japan and Okinawa.

All U.S. government employees in the Taipei area are encouraged to contact the MAC Passenger Section at Sung Shan, TME 2358/3388, for the latest information on Space A travel. The MAC Passenger Reservation Desk is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Its staff is ready to provide you with prompt, courteous service.

PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES

All U.S. government employees are authorized to have, under SOFA provisions, private vehicles (POVs) on Taiwan.

Shipment of POVs is made to Keelung and Kaohsiung, the ports of disembarkation on Taiwan. Shipment time either way ranges from 55 to 75 days, depending where in the U.S. the POVs are shipped from and to.

Persons will be notified by the Personal Property Section of the HSA Transportation Office when and where their POVs will arrive on Taiwan.

If you are entitled to ship your POV, contact your installation or unit Commercial Transportation Office immediately upon notification of your assignment. By doing so, they will have



A Chinese policeman practicing his hazardous trade in downtown Taipei

adequate time to process the required paperwork for the shipment of your POV to Taiwan. If you have a POV to ship back to the States, you will follow the same procedures with the HSA Household Goods Section.

Only one vehicle may be imported into Taiwan duty free during your tour and only one POV can be shipped back to the U.S. under your PCS orders. You may want to sell your present automobile in the U.S. and buy a new foreign model from the local Taiwan dealers at prices lower than those found in the States. Effective July 1, 1972, foreign-made automobiles purchased and delivered overseas may be shipped back to the U.S. duty free and at government expense. However, when a person makes application with the HSA Transportation Office to have their private POV shipped to Taiwan from the States or from another country, they must

have 12 months remaining on their tour.

Registration of POVs in the Taipei area must be accomplished at the HSA Provost Marshal Office. This should be done as soon as the expected time of arrival (ETA) of the vehicle is known.

Before a person can receive temporary Chinese license plates, he must have: proper documents of ownership, Stateside driving license, vehicle safety inspection by the NEX Service Station, and proof of adequate POV insurance coverage with a company that has a claims agent on Taiwan.

The minimum POV insurance required for POVs on Taiwan, and which is offered by most Chinese insurance firms, is as follows:

Automobile Insurance

Bodily Injury Liability (including death), \$5,000 per person, with a minimum coverage of \$10,000 per accident.

Property Damage Liability, a minimum coverage of \$500 per accident.

Medical Payments, \$500 for each person, with a minimum coverage of \$2,500 per accident.

Motorcycle Insurance

Bodily Injury Liability (including death) and Property Damage Liability, coverage the same as for automobiles.

Medical Payments, \$50 per person, with a minimum coverage of \$100 per accident.

Accident claims are settled more quickly when the insurance is with a local Chinese company. Some personnel prefer obtaining insurance with a company in the U.S. having a claims agent in Taiwan, assuring themselves of adequate coverage in any eventuality. This decision is left to the individual.

To avoid problems, embarrassment and frustration, it would be wise to remember the following prior to shipping your POV:

Stateside license plates must be removed from all POVs upon their arrival in Taiwan.

If your automobile has removeable stereo equipment and an air conditioner/heater, take them out and have them shipped in your household goods. They tend to disappear between the time your car is picked up in the States and delivered in Taiwan.

The Chinese government prohibits the import of automobiles with right-handed steering

wheels and/or those that are more than six years old upon arrival.

Because deterioration of cars on Taiwan is rapid due to dampness and sulphur fumes, it is advisable to equip one's car with sturdy seat covers, have it undercoated and then have the chrome treated to avoid pitting and rust.

Although parts for most American-made POVs are extremely limited at the Main Navy Exchange Garage, HSA West Compound, they are available on the local market. However, they are more expensive than those in the States because of import and customs taxes. The NEX Garage can order parts for your car from distributors on the local economy or in the States. If acquainted with a reliable spare parts store in the States, it would be worthwhile to make arrangements with them so that proper parts are sent. Major and minor repair work is accomplished by the NEX Garage and garages on the local economy. Most personnel on Taiwan use garages which are recommended to them by co-workers or friends who are thoroughly familiar with POV repair facilities on the island.

If you are the type who likes to do his own repair work, you can work on your car in an auto hobby shop located behind the HSA East Compound (next to Pacer Field). The shop, which is open only to U.S. government employees, is well-equipped and has mechanics available to assist.

Once you have gone through the trials and tribulations of picking up your car at the port, having it registered and cleaned, you will have only one thing to worry about during your tour — driving on Taiwan. Due to crowded highways, bicycles and pedestrians, travel via automobile or cycle is generally cautious and dangerous. Operators of motor bikes or cycles are cautioned to wear required safety equipment and zealously observe all traffic laws and beware of the drivers who don't. They should always practice defensive driving, even more than automobile drivers, since they have minimum protection. Hazards, while driving on streets and roads in the Taipei area, are three-fold more dangerous than in the States since many of the citizens of Taiwan are still perfecting the art of driving. If you find yourself involved in any collision, do not move the vehicle until a policeman arrives and marks the spot where it occurred. Call PMO and they will send an American out to take a statement and conduct an investigation.

Chapter 11

Clothing

AVAILABILITY OF CLOTHING

Clothing for all seasons of the year is available at the Navy Exchange in Taipei.

The NEX carries a wide variety of clothing and rain apparel for men (all types of outer wear, including suits, sweaters, sport coats, jackets, overcoats, shirts and slacks), women (most dress styles, blouses, sweaters, coats, night and casual wear) and children (all types of clothing, including slacks, shirts, dresses, coats and baby wear). Because of shipping time and distance, clothing fashions are several months behind those in the States. But, because of the casual attitude about dress on Taiwan, few people seem to notice the difference.

New NEX shipments of dresses, suits and children's wear in popular styles and sizes are usually sold quickly. A complete line of children's clothing can be purchased on the local economy. However, most department stores in Taipei normally carry only small sizes in men's and women's ready-to-wear items.

It is recommended that military personnel and their dependents needing other than popular sized shoes or clothing make necessary arrangements to get them in the U.S. Shoes can be custom-made by local craftsmen.

The NEX stocks a fairly extensive selection of cotton, silk, wool and other types of material which can be tailored at the Exchange concession, in local tailor shops, or by a sew amah. There is a limited selection of Simplicity and Vogue patterns available at the NEX Sew Shop in the HSA East Compound.

MEN'S CLOTHING

Everyday civilian dress is more informal on Taiwan than in the United States. However, many American and American/Chinese formal receptions require appropriate uniform and civilian attire.

For the summer months, sport shirts, slacks, and suits, all of a light-weight fabric, are the most comfortable clothing to wear. During the winter season, light-weight woolens, slacks, sweaters, and a light-weight coat are needed. Throughout the year, special receptions and club events will require either a dress uniform or a suit and tie.

Raincoats, as well as appropriate beach



Chinese tailors, like this one, make custom-made clothes at reasonable prices

wear, will be needed. The Navy Exchange carries both, but in limited quantities and sizes.

Most men find that local tailors do an excellent job of tailoring uniforms, suits, trousers and shirts. Fabric can be purchased from the tailor or bought at the Exchange and delivered to the tailor at the time of order.

WOMEN'S WARDROBE

Cottons are a necessity for the woman's wardrobe on Taiwan, and it is wise to have plenty of "washables" such as cotton dresses, blouses and skirts.

For evening wear, some sort of miracle fabric is suggested for summer formals and cock-



Taipei stores offer a wide range of dresses for busy, fashion-conscious women

tail dresses and an equivalent type of fabric for the winter.

Dressy cottons are worn every place, from teas and church to "cocktails".

It is a good idea to bring bathing suits and beach clothes, although the NEX stocks a fairly good supply of these items.

During winter months, suits, woolen skirts and sweaters, slacks, a topcoat, and light-weight wool dresses will be needed. It is not advisable to bring fur coats.

Umbrellas and light-weight raincoats are a must. They are sometimes available at the Exchange.

Although many women go barelegged quite often during the summer, hose are needed on occasion. If you wear panty hose, it is suggested that you bring a six-months supply with you when you come since these items are very often in short supply at the Exchange, particularly in the shade you desire.

Finally, bring some comfortable walking shoes since you will probably spend a great deal of time shopping and most sidewalks are obstacles to smaller heels.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

The long summer season on Taiwan dictates plenty of cool, washable cottons for your children. They should have blue jeans, corduroys, shorts, light-weight twill and heavy

wool jackets for the fall and winter months. All these items are available at the NEX in limited quantities.

Although children's shoes are available in the Exchange, it is suggested that a six-month supply of shoes be brought. Sizes for children in the sub-teens are frequently not available. If your child requires corrective shoes, arrangements should be made before you leave with a State-side supplier since the quality of locally-made corrective shoes is poor.

Youngsters entering Dominican School will be required to have black shoes to wear with their uniforms.

If you are bringing a small infant (six months or under), it is recommended that immediate contact be made with your sponsor to determine the current availability of such items as bottle nipples, pacifiers, disposable diapers, plastic bottles, and other accessories that baby needs for health and comfort.

CARE OF CLOTHING

Mildew is a problem, both in summer and winter, and it is advisable to air clothing and leather goods on sunny days, or dry them frequently with the aid of some type of heat. Most closets equipped with light bulbs do help prevent this problem. Protection against moths is similar to that of most places in the United States.

There are numerous laundry and dry cleaning establishments which do satisfactory jobs, although not up to stateside standards. If you have items of expensive clothing which require special handling, it is suggested they be left in the States. Let this poorer quality of laundry and dry cleaning be your guide in choosing the type of material for your clothing.

Chapter 12

Currency, Finance and Banking

CURRENCY

There are two types of currency used on Taiwan: U.S. currency and Chinese currency, which normally is referred to as "NT" (New Taiwan Dollars).

The importation into Taiwan of U.S. currency notes in denominations larger than \$20 is forbidden. Larger denominations must be exchanged prior to arrival.

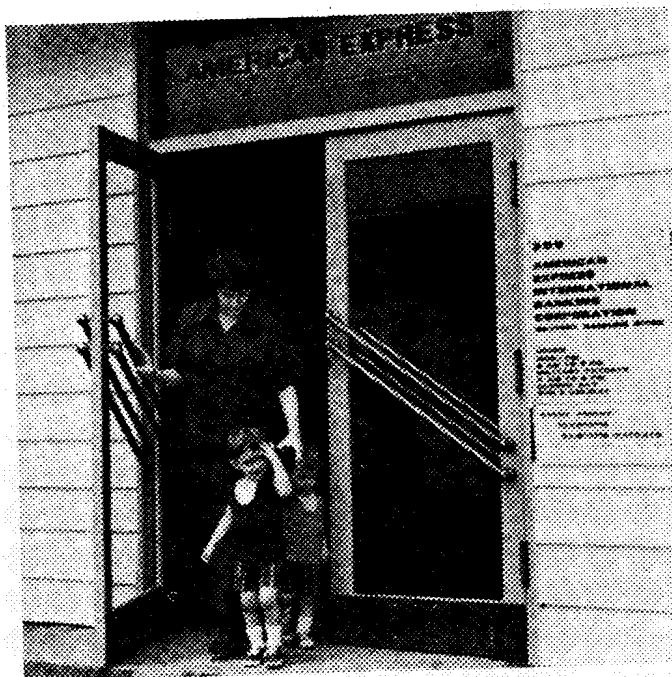
Chinese law forbids the importation of more than NT\$1,000 into Taiwan.

The exchange rate is NT\$40 to U.S.\$1.

MILITARY BANKING SERVICES

Military banking service on Taiwan is provided by the American Express International Banking Corporation for authorized U.S. personnel and their dependents. The new arrival will find these services are similar to those offered by any bank in the United States. These services include:

- Checking and Savings Accounts — Sale of U.S. Savings Bonds**
- NT\$ Sales and Reconversions — Traveler's Checks**
- Money Orders — Bank Drafts**
- NT\$ Drafts — Cable and Mail Money Transfers**
- Fly Now Pay Later Loans — General Financial Counseling**
- Savings Certificate Program — Time Deposit Program**



Three of the many customers who use the American Express banking facilities, HSA West Compound, Taipei

American Express has four branch facilities in the Taipei area. These are located at the HSA West Compound, Taipei Air Station, Military Assistance Advisory Group Headquarters, and at Shu Lin Kou Air Station.

Hours of operation for the HSA branch are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on pay days.

The Taipei Air Station branch is open 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

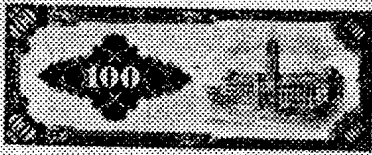
Shu Lin Kou Air Station's branch operates daily from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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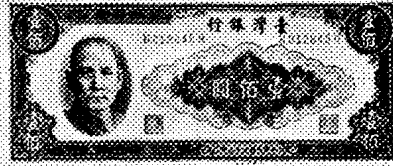
MONEY EXCHANGE POLICY

Pay and allowances are paid in American currency for use only in U.S. military-operated facilities, such as exchanges, the commissary, open messes and the Air Post Offices (APOs).

Any financial transaction on the local economy requires the use of Taiwan currency, the NT dollar. American money can be exchanged for NT currency at banks, U.S. operated open messes, banks, hotels, restaurants and other establishments which display a government exchange license.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S CURRENCY AND COINS—"NEW TAIWAN DOLLARS".**"NT\$" 40 EQUAL \$1 U.S.A.**

This 100 NT\$ Note is worth \$2.50 U.S.



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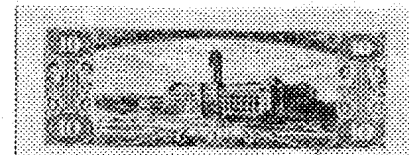
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QUICK CONVERSION TABLE**FROM NT\$ TO US\$**

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50	1.25
60	1.50
70	1.75
80	2.00
90	2.25
100	2.50
200	5.00
300	7.50
400	10.00
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700	17.50
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2,000	50.00
3,000	75.00
4,000	100.00
5,000	125.00
6,000	150.00

FROM US\$ TO NT\$

US\$	NT\$
1	40
2	80
3	120
4	160
5	200
6	240
7	280
8	320
9	360
10	400
20	800
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Ten NT\$ Note is worth 25 cents, U.S.



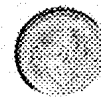
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NT \$1.00



NT 50¢



NT 20¢



NT 10¢

CHECK-CASHING FACILITIES

In addition to American Express, all U.S. military officers' and enlisted men's open messes throughout the island are authorized to cash personal checks not in excess of \$100.

Money orders may be purchased or cashed at American Express and the Navy Exchange. U.S. Savings Bonds can be cashed at finance offices or American Express Banks.

The Navy Exchange cashier provides check cashing (\$50 limit) and currency exchange services. Checks are cashed in the Navy Exchange and Commissary for exact amount of purchase.

SAVINGS DEPOSIT PROGRAM

All American military personnel on Taiwan are eligible and are encouraged to participate in the U.S. Government Savings Deposit Program. Under this savings plan, American servicemen can, through their respective finance offices, establish a savings account and earn 10 per cent per annum on deposits up to \$10,000.

There are a few limitations. Among them:

(1) Once money is deposited, it cannot be withdrawn except in cases of emergency.

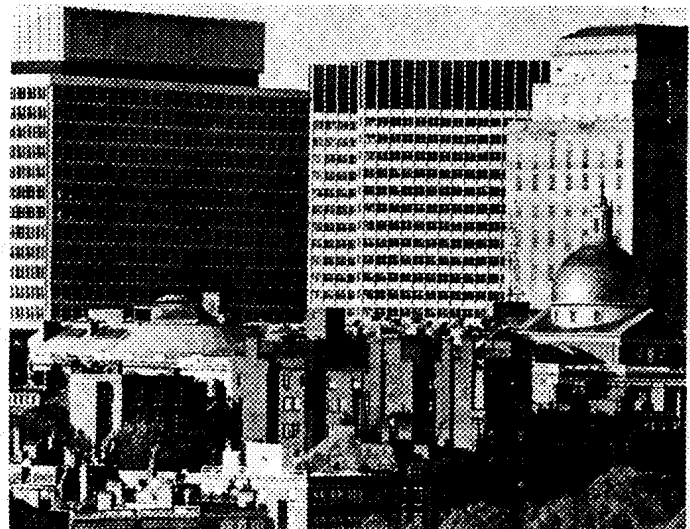
(2) A minimum deposit of \$5 must be made to open an account and deposits must be in multiples of five: \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, etc.

(3) A deposit cannot exceed a person's

monthly net pay.

(4) Savings deposit money and accumulated interest will in ordinary cases be paid at the next stateside assignment. Those depositors wanting immediate payment when they return to the United States must complete necessary paperwork prior to leaving Taiwan. Otherwise, they can wait three months, drawing interest during that time period, before drawing their money in the U.S.

Further information can be obtained at your unit's finance office.



A U.S. serviceman can earn enough money through the Savings Deposit Program to enjoy a nice vacation when he returns to the States

Chapter 13

Stores, Restaurants, Health Precautions

INTRODUCTION

In the Orient, Americans will usually not find the same health and sanitation conditions as they had at home.

Although we are protected by immunization against a number of serious diseases, there are many for which we have received no shots. We are not, for example, immunized or vaccinated against dysenteries, diarrhea, tuberculosis, intestinal parasites, and a number of other illnesses.

Diseases on Taiwan are spread from person to person in several different ways. However, an extremely important avenue is through food and water which have become exposed to pollution by a sick person or diseased animal, through growing in or passing through polluted soil, or through improper handling at any point up to the time it is ingested.

By following some of the following guidelines while eating at restaurants or shopping at stores and supermarkets, you should have an enjoyable stay in Taiwan.

STORES, SUPERMARKETS

Some local food and beverage dispensing establishments do not have adequate sanitary controls. Placards or signs on local establishments reading "Approved" or "In-bounds Permit Number 0000" are local advertisement policy. They have no meaning as American sanitation authorities exercise no jurisdiction over these establishments.

It is highly recommended by American medical authorities that all food and beverage procurement be limited to official outlets. These include the commissary, exchanges and embassy shops or from local establishments which appear in the Directory of Sanitarily Approved Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement on Taiwan, USTDC Instruction 6240.1B.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Public restaurants throughout the island offer an opportunity to indulge in some of the finest Oriental cuisine in the world. After a few experiments, one is no longer satisfied with the type of Chinese food served in the United States. A full course dinner, to be manipulated by



A typical grocery store in Taipei

chopsticks, ranges from a few dishes to 16 for a round-table seating of 10 or 12 persons. Flavoring has been brought to a fine art by the restaurants in the Taipei area. Careful preparation, quick cooking and artistic imagination contribute to these admirable qualities.

While in Taiwan, you may wish to sample some or all of the following types of Chinese cuisine:

Cantonese Cooking, from China's southern province of Kwangtung, is sweeter and more colorful than that of other regions. It is famous for such pastries as steamed dumplings stuffed

with meat, sweet paste or preserves; buns; deep fried spring rolls and tarts of all varieties.

Szechuan Food is hot and peppery. Most dishes from China's southwestern province contain a lot of small, red chili peppers.

Shanghai Food is generally salty, but there are also sweet dishes and outstanding sea food.

Peiping Food, from northern China, features dishes that include great amounts of wheat or rice. This cuisine also features barbecued meats and food cooked at the table in a chafing dish. The most popular Peiping dish, which most occidentals identify with all Chinese food, is roast "Peiping Duck". A Hunanese specialty is sliced mutton in a chafing pot. This cooking style also features highly spiced and steamed dishes.

Taiwanese Cooking is mild in seasoning, using little salt and stressing soups.

Mongolian Barbecue, done on iron grills, is available at several restaurants and hotels. You select a variety of meats, mix them with vegetables, wines, oil, sugar and spices. Then you have it cooked by dumping the mixture on the grill.

Great eating and memorable cuisine—if you don't over do it. Should you eat with the same carefree attitude that you do in the United States, then the gastronomic delights consumed can turn into gastronomical nightmares.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

Aside from the indigestion and mild diarrhea upsets he might get, the careless eater is leaving himself open to some rather serious diseases. Among them are fatal botulism, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, food poisoning and typhoid. Much of the danger of eating in foreign countries can be avoided if the traveler remembers that the sanitary precautions that surround the preparation of food in the United States do not exist in most parts of the world. He should always keep in mind the following rules:

- (1) Eat only in the better appearing restaurants.
- (2) Under no circumstances eat food, especially snacks, from street vendors.
- (3) Avoid salads, raw vegetables and raw food such as oysters and clams.
- (4) Avoid canapes and hors d'oeuvres.
- (5) Do not eat rare or medium meats.



The restaurants in Taipei offer some of the finest cuisine in the world

- (6) Drink only the specially bottled waters which have been boiled.
- (7) Bottled beer, wines and carbonated beverages are generally safe.
- (8) Order only those foods which are served extremely hot.
- (9) Avoid ice in your drinks. Beverages such as coffee and hot tea are safe if served piping hot.
- (10) Eat only those raw fruits which can first be peeled.

FOOD PRODUCTS

Whenever possible, purchase food products in the commissary.

Should you purchase fruits or vegetables on the local market, you should clean them thoroughly with a bleaching solution mixed with cold, clear water that has been boiled. The surest way to avoid intestinal infection is to eat vegetables only after they have been thoroughly cooked.

It is highly recommended that all meats and sea food be procured from the commissary.

Bakery products may be procured from commissaries which have their own bakeries, messes having bakeries, or from those sources listed in USTDC Instruction 6240.1B.

When you purchase canned goods on the local market, be careful! There is no assurance that locally canned products are processed under

sanitary conditions or that the additives used are not harmful to humans. Therefore, purchases of locally canned goods are not recommended other than those listed in USTDC Instruction 6240.1B.

WATER

Practically all water appearing in public or private supplies has been polluted because of antiquated and porous sewage systems that often allow a variety of harmful bacteria and toilet flushing to enter fresh water lines. For these reasons, no tap water on Taiwan may be considered safe for human consumption.

In order to have safe water for drinking, brushing of teeth, washing and preparation of food, you should:

- (1) Boil or chlorinate water.
- (2) Buy distilled water on the local market or obtain free distilled water at the various American military clubs in the Taipei area.

ICE

Because of the great danger of water-borne disease that is transmitted by the consumption of ice in beverages, personnel making ice cubes at home should use only potable water.

MILK

Milk is a special item because most locally produced milk and milk products do not meet U.S. sanitary standards. Approved dairy products are distributed through military commissaries and other military outlets throughout the island.

FOOD POISONING

Despite the availability of safe, wholesome food from authorized sources on Taiwan, food poisoning is an annual summer menace and a potential killer of the unwary. In fact, food poisoning is not as rare as you may think. Most people have complained at one time or another that the food they have eaten has made them ill because of possible contamination.

Heat and refrigeration are the main tools used to combat germ growth; cleanliness can also keep food from becoming contaminated. The danger temperatures for food at which germs thrive are between 40 and 140 degrees. However,

there is one problem peculiar to the staph germ. It can only be killed by boiling temperatures, but if toxins have developed before heating, it may not be destroyed even by boiling. This is one of the main reasons for careful refrigeration of all perishable food on Taiwan.

Here are some other ways to keep germs from growing in food and eliminating the chance of food poisoning:

- (1) After shopping, refrigerate perishables as quickly as possible.
- (2) Leftover cooked food should be refrigerated quickly in covered containers; do not wait until food reaches room temperature.
- (3) Be sure that all food that is sliced or ground is well cooked and well refrigerated.
- (4) Freeze or refrigerate sandwiches and other foods to be taken on picnics or outings.
- (5) If you prepare large amounts of food before the day it is to be consumed, make sure it is kept thoroughly chilled or hot until it is time to serve it.
- (6) Keep an immaculate kitchen and home.

HEALTH TIPS

Each year in foreign lands around the world, Americans die of assorted mishaps and ailments brought on by careless living. If you follow these additional health tips, you can easily avoid becoming a hospital statistic:

- (1) Be careful when you walk or work around tall shrubbery or grass, debris, or loose rocks. These are natural habitats for snakes on Taiwan, of which nine species are deadly poisonous.
- (2) Eliminate food scraps and debris of all kind. These might attract snakes or disease-carrying rodents.
- (3) During the summer, consume plenty of water, wear lightweight clothing, and consume additional salt at mealtimes to avoid heat prostration. Other precautions to follow during the hot, humid months on Taiwan include the control of food and alcohol, performing strenuous activities in the cool of the day, and gradually adjusting to your new assignment.

Chapter 14

Servants

HOUSEHOLD HELP

The availability of inexpensive household help on Taiwan can make your tour in the Republic of China a very pleasant experience and provides many homemakers with an opportunity for a "sabbatical" for the first time in their lives.

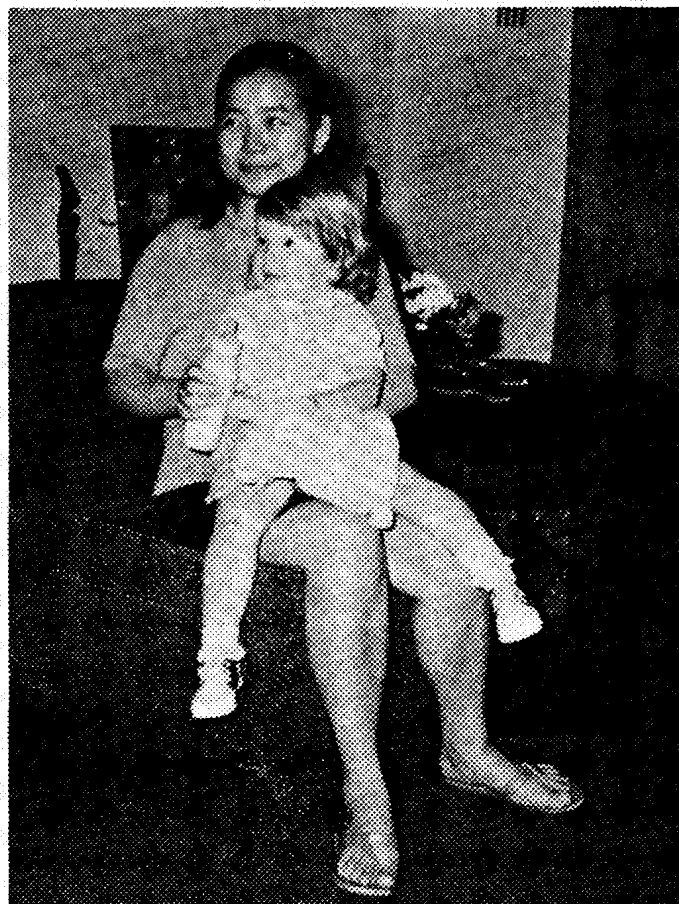
Most Americans avail themselves of three types of servants: amahs (housekeepers), sew amahs, and yard boys.

Typically, a family may have a part time amah three days a week, a yard boy on another day, and a sew amah on yet another day. This type of arrangement provides security for your home five days a week at less than the cost of a full-time amah.

Other servants available on Taiwan include houseboys, cooks, and drivers.

Amahs

A full-time amah performs general house-keeping duties such as cleaning, washing, ironing, and babysitting. More experienced amahs can prepare complete meals, and much of the local food purchasing can be entrusted to them. The full-time amah will usually live in with the family with one day and night off per week. They will subsist on the same food you eat or may require you to purchase their food. This is a matter between you and the amah. Salaries range from \$35 per month to \$55 for the more experienced. There has been a continuing increase in amah salaries over the past two years



Amah or Taiwan maid with young charge

and this trend is expected to continue.

Many Americans have recently begun to use day amahs and part time amahs. This is particularly true for families which do not have children young enough to require a full-time babysitter. As the name implies, a day amah does not live in, but otherwise is as qualified and is paid about the same as a full-time amah. The part time amah comes in from one to three times or more a week, depending on your needs, and performs the same kind of work as a full-time amah. Part time amahs are paid up to \$3 per day.

Hiring the right amah in the beginning is one of the most critical decisions you make during your tour on Taiwan. The best way to find an amah is upon the recommendation of a friend. In any event, it is suggested that you discuss amahs and the general amah situation with several American friends before interviewing or hiring your first amah.

It is also suggested that you interview several amahs before selecting one. Personalities are very important especially when you consider that you will be having another person living with you in your home on a full-time basis.

Rapport is another important consideration and is something you may not feel with each and every amah. Obviously you will want to notice whether your prospective amah is clean and neatly dressed. Also make sure your amah understands everything you expect her to do, at the time of hiring.

Sew amahs are seamstresses who come to your home, and with material provided by you, make any dress in any fashion requested in minimum time. You are also required to provide them with a sewing machine and food during meal time. Since sew amahs use the patternless method and work from pictures provided by you, it is suggested that you bring a good supply of fashion magazines with you from the States. They can also sew from patterns, but as indicated elsewhere in this booklet, the supply of patterns locally is limited. The salaries for sew amahs are currently running between \$3 and \$4.50 per day.

It is recommended that you hire an amah on a trial basis for one month. This is to insure that she suits your requirements and will cause as little embarrassment as possible to both parties in case you are dissatisfied. Even though a prospective employee may attend an interview with numerous letters of recommendations, it is unwise to accept them at face value since many are composed by public scribes rather than by actual previous employers. The accepted ruling is that amahs have one day off per week. The day can be arranged to mutual satisfaction. But, in most cases, Sunday is preferred by the amahs. Discuss at the initial interview what day she will have off. Some amahs expect to have the night off before their non-working day. You should get this settled to your convenience prior to hiring.

There is no enforced requirement for a medical examination to be carried out on household employees, but it is recommended that you have this done at your own expense at a local reputable hospital, i.e., Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in downtown Taipei. Do not let her go to her own doctor since medical examination results may be forged. Chest X-Rays, stool and blood tests should be part of the examination.

It has been proven a poor idea to let an amah handle large sums of money. The temptation is just too great. One month's bills represent six months wages for most amahs. Pay

the bills yourself.

An experienced amah may steer certain merchants towards the house, i.e., the dry cleaner, vegetable men, wood or water man. If she is insistent about a certain merchant, you may be sure that she is getting a percentage of the total bill. This is an acknowledged and generally accepted business procedure. However, you do not have to adhere to it. Neighbors, from their experiences, can tell you the best merchants in the neighborhood.

Yard Boys

Yard boys are usually employed one day per week to take care of the lawn area, wash and wax the car, do heavy housework (amahs normally do not wax floors or wash windows and walls), and provide general household security.

Most yard boys have their own lawn mowers and floor polishers which they bring with them, usually tied to the back of their bicycles. If they have a floor polisher, let them use it or they will soon ruin yours. They will expect you to provide polish, mop, broom and general cleaning material. Pay for a yard boy is currently \$2.50-\$3.50 a day. Be sure you and your yard boy understand exactly what his wage is to be and whether he is to be paid weekly or monthly.

Houseboys

A houseboy performs the same type of work as an amah or may be primarily the cook with some of the general housekeeping duties included. Salaries are a bit higher than those of an amah.

Cooks

Cooks — usually men — assume responsibility for the kitchen, prepare family meals, and party dinners. The cook may also perform general housekeeping duties, depending on your desires and his qualifications. Salaries range from \$50 to \$90 a month.

Drivers

A driver to operate your car can be hired on a daily basis for approximately \$4 a day or on a regular basis for about \$110 a month. The regularly employed driver also serves as a part-

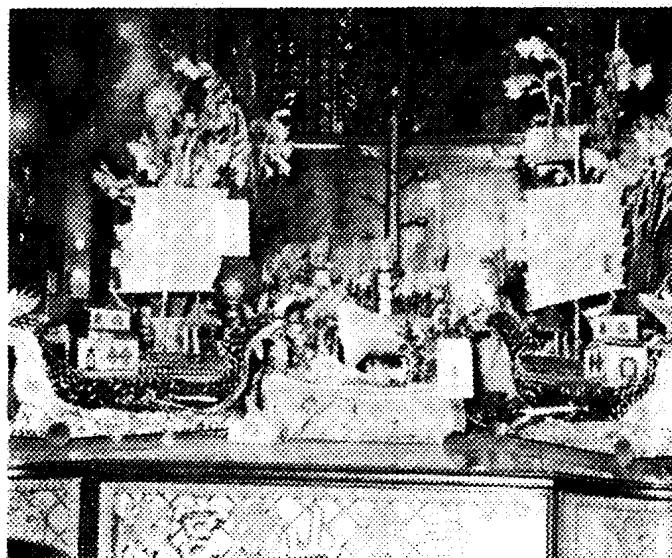
time houseboy or yard boy when not driving. If you dread driving on crowded streets or if your wife does not drive, you may wish to consider hiring a driver. Few U.S. military personnel employ a driver, and driving in Taipei is not nearly as difficult as it may first appear. If you do hire a driver, an additional insurance policy is required to cover accidental injuries and medical expenses. It is available as a rider to most local standard motor vehicle insurance policies or, if a stateside policy is used, may be purchased separately from a local underwriter.

Head Man

In the unlikely event that you do hire several full-time servants, it is usually a good practice to have one of them be the head man. Any chore you wish to have done, such as car washing, yard cleaning, or floor polishing, can then be assigned to the head man. He makes further assignments. Without a head man, you may find yourself washing the car while the cook, amah and houseboy all watch you, each feeling that that particular chore is not part of his job description. The responsibility of head man also entails authority to hire and fire.

Advice

A few final words of advice. The exact amount you pay your amah or other servants is by mutual agreement. A somewhat lesser starting salary, with an increase for satisfactory service, is one method of arriving at an agreement. All salaries must be paid in NT\$ only. The language barrier and substandard training may present some problem in the beginning, but be patient and help them and they will serve well. When dealing with your servants, it is necessary to have a sense of humor and remember that "face" is very important among Orientals. Also you should be aware that some servants tend to take "leftovers" home. This practice can double your food bill.



These lanterns are symbolic of China's New Year holiday season, a time when servants receive salary bonuses

Chapter 15

Miscellaneous

PETS

All U.S. government-sponsored personnel who wish to bring a pet into Taiwan are required to obtain a Letter of Authorization, issued by the National Health Ministry, Republic of China, from the Staff Veterinarian, U.S. Taiwan Defense Command, Box 29, APO S.F. 96263.

The following pet information must be included with the Letter of Authorization request: name of owner, breed, sex, color, species, present location, approximate date you plan to ship pet to Taiwan, and mode of transportation (airlines/ship). An original copy of a valid rabies vaccination certificate, and an original copy of a valid health certificate, accomplished within 10 days of your request, must accompany the above information.

The Director of Bureau of Communicable Diseases Control, National Health Administration, Republic of China, has the sole authority for approval and/or disapproval of each request. Pets cannot be shipped without a Letter of Authorization receipt.

After all requested paperwork has been received by the Staff Veterinarian's Office, it usually takes a maximum of 14 days to receive approval for a Letter of Authorization from the ROC.

If permission has been granted for importation, the pet will be met in Taipei/Keelung by ROC quarantine officials. They in turn will escort the pet to the Taiwan National University where it will be quarantined for 21 days at the owner's expense (\$1 per day). Upon release from quarantine, the pet must be registered with the nearest U.S. military veterinary office and be kept under the owner's personal supervision for a period of six months.

The Letter of Authorization is the authority for importation of your pet, and it is valid

for only 50 days from date of issuance. This letter must be attached to the shipping documents.

RED CROSS

There are American Red Cross (ARC) offices located in the HSA West Compound, Taipei; Ching Chuan Kang Republic of China Air Base; and Tainan Republic of China Air Base.

These ARC staffs assist servicemen and dependents with emergency situations. A Red Cross staff worker is on duty 24 hours a day at Taipei and CCK.

In case of critical illnesses or other emergencies involving military servicemen, U.S. government employees and their dependents on Taiwan, responsible family members should notify their local chapter of the American Red Cross and request verification be forwarded. To



A Red Cross volunteer on duty at the U.S. Navy Hospital, Taipei

avoid any delay, U.S. government personnel should insure that their families are informed of their complete mailing addresses; including name, rank, service and/or social security number, unit assigned and correct APO number.

Extensive ARC volunteer programs are carried out on Taiwan. Among them are first aid, water safety and nursing classes. A large group of volunteers work in the U.S. Navy Hospital, Taipei.

TIPPING

Tipping on Taiwan is generally determined by one international rule: service.

While dining in any restaurant on Taiwan, a tip, not in excess of 10 per cent, and a 10 per cent tax, are included in bills. U.S. military personnel and their dependents will be exempt from the meal tax, per SOFA arrangements, upon presentation of their Chinese Identification Cards. Individual tipping is not required. However, if a particular waiter or waitress gives exceptional service, a tip would not be out of place.

Taiwan hotels add a 10 per cent service charge on room and meal bills. Bell boys performing special services, such as shining shoes, may be tipped.

Taxi drivers, elevator boys and dining car waiters do not expect tips.

FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM

The U.S. Air Force-sponsored Family Services Program for the Taipei area is made up of women volunteers who represent and serve all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Volunteers, who operate the Family Services Office at Taipei Air Station, offer to newly assigned U.S. servicemen and their dependents the temporary loan of household goods. They also maintain a file of brochures on U.S. military installations.

In addition to their office duties, Family Services workers meet all incoming and outgoing PCS flights to assist passengers with any travel problems. To help mothers and their children relax while waiting for their sponsors or flights, volunteers operate a Family Lounge at Sung Shan Republic of China Air Base. They also meet island-flights carrying women who have come to Taipei for maternity care. Volunteers help ar-

range quarters for the expectant mothers and provide assistance, as required, during their maternity stay at the U.S. Naval Hospital.

Family Services volunteers are on call to assist you during an emergency and will do whatever is necessary to help the family through difficult times. The telephone numbers of Family Services volunteers on emergency duty can be obtained at the HSA Provost Marshal Office.

The Family Services Office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. — 12 noon and 1-3 p.m. Additional information on the Family Services Program can be obtained by calling TME 2170 or 2019 during office hours.

CIVILIAN HIRING

Jobs for dependents of U.S. government employees are limited on Taiwan.

U.S. Civil Service positions are in short supply on the island, according to the Central Personnel Office, Taipei Air Station. This office serves as the sole civilian hiring agency for all U.S. military services on Taiwan.

There are approximately 200 U.S. Civil Service positions island-wide. Chances for immediate employment in any of these jobs is rather slim since personnel turnovers occur every one and a half to two years. Those who are selected for employment are usually reinstated civil service employees; dependents who pass local examinations for non-transferable Civil Service ratings; and retired servicemen. There is rarely a need to go to the Civil Service Commission for job applicants.

Personnel interested in civil service as a



Civilian jobs with U.S. government agencies, like this secretarial position, are limited in the Taipei area

career are advised to take appropriate competitive career-type civil service tests prior to departing from the States since it takes approximately two months to process and return the test results.

American dependents seeking jobs in non-appropriated fund activities, such as exchanges and clubs, must compete with local Chinese nationals. Those dependents who have recently completed high school will have great difficulty finding adequate paying jobs because of the scarcity of U.S. government-related positions and the over abundance of semi-skilled Chinese workers.

Dependents of active duty U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, who are between the ages of 16 and 21, are eligible for employment with U.S. military activities from June 12 through August 18 through the DoD Youth Summer Hire Program. Officials of the Central Personnel Office, who supervise the program on Taiwan, state the number of persons hired depends on the money allocated for the program each year. However, chances for employment through the Summer Hire Program are excellent. In 1972, 90 per cent of those who applied for Summer Hire work were employed.

All U.S. government jobs, whether appropriated or non-appropriated, are assigned in accordance with DoD and Civil Service Equal Opportunity Employment directives.

The prospect of dependents finding a job with American and Chinese firms in the Taipei area is not very encouraging. Those who have sought work on the local economy have discovered that proprietors of most Chinese stores will usually hire their own countrymen since they will work for much lower wages; businesses occasionally hire dependents, usually high school graduates and college students, to screen and do their English correspondence; there are a few openings for administrative help at American-operated schools; and Americans, specially those with college degrees, can find limited work teaching English to Chinese high school and college students. In almost all cases, wages are much lower than those in the U.S. For example, top pay for a secretary who speaks both Chinese and English would be approximately \$300 a month.

Fortunately, there is some silver lining to the dark cloud of local employment. Taipei American School is continuously soliciting the

applications of qualified and certified teachers at all grade levels and in all subjects. Although most positions are filled prior to July 1 for the succeeding school year, transfers and rotations provide job openings on a limited basis throughout the year. If you are interested in having your name on file for possible employment, contact the Personnel Office, Taipei American School, TTA 832111, Extensions 2,3,4,5. Also, private businesses and Chinese agencies are in frequent need of and are willing to pay good wages for highly trained engineers, technicians and medical doctors.

Additional information on civilian employment on Taiwan can be obtained by contacting: Mr. Li Min, Chief, National Employment Assistance Department, Number 2, Sun Ching Road, TTA 555600, Taipei; or, the Taipei American Chamber of Commerce, 65 Nanking East Road, Section Three, TTA 552515, Taipei.

EMERGENCY LOANS

United States servicemen can obtain emergency loans through these main agencies on Taiwan: American Red Cross, the Air Force Aid Society (for U.S. Air Force personnel), the Navy Relief Society (for all U.S. Navy personnel) and the Army Emergency Relief Fund (for all U.S. Army personnel).

The **Air Force Aid Society** will pay up to \$750 in loans and grants with base approval. Requests for higher loans or grants must be approved by AFA Headquarters, Randolph Air Force Base, Tex.

Since there are no **Navy Relief Society offices** on Taiwan, all NRS loans or grants have to be obtained through the **American Red Cross** in Taipei. The ARC will follow NRS regulations in granting loans or grants.

The **Army Emergency Relief Fund**, with representatives at all major Army units on Taiwan, will provide loans or grants up to \$250 at local level. Requests for higher amounts have to be approved at Emergency Relief Fund Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Prior to contacting Emergency Relief Fund representatives, Army personnel are asked to seek financial assistance through the American Red Cross. Should none be available, they should immediately contact their Emergency Relief representatives for assistance.

Both Air Force Aid Society and the Army

Emergency Relief Fund representatives will approve loans or grants to personnel of each others services if regular emergency financial assistance is not available.

Emergencies, which are determined by representatives of the four financial assistance agencies, normally include: theft of money, delay in pay checks, any unusual and unavoidable expenses brought on by such emergency conditions as death in the immediate family, burial fees, fire, etc.

The names, locations and phone numbers of these representatives can be obtained through a serviceman's commander, first sergeant, or supervisor.

SALE OF DUTY-FREE ITEMS

The sale of duty-free items, whether they are imported into Taiwan in your household goods or purchased at the U.S. Navy Exchange after your arrival, is controlled by extensive regulations.

Essentially, any item imported in your household goods or hold baggage may not be sold on the local economy unless you have been on Taiwan for 12 months. Merchandise purchased at the Navy Exchange may not be sold on the Chinese market until it has been in your possession for at least six months, and you have permanent assignment orders to another country. However, duty-free items can be sold any time to U.S. government employees having duty-free privileges. Once an item is sold, there is no guarantee that you can purchase a replacement.

Soon after your arrival on Taiwan and throughout your tour, you will be approached by numerous buy and sell men. Before selling them any item, insure that you have checked with the HSA Provost Marshal Office to determine whether you are required to have a permission to sell form. Currently, you must obtain this form to sell any controlled item, such as a refrigerator, freezer, television set, piano or air conditioner.

One of the most frequent questions asked by American personnel stationed on Taiwan is, "Can I sell my automobile?" The answer to this question is yes, but under certain conditions. Before a privately-owned vehicle can be sold on the local economy it must have been on Taiwan for at least two years from the date of import. But, if you are in receipt of PCS orders and

departing within 90 days, then you can sell your car after one year from date of import. U.S. government-sponsored personnel can, at anytime, buy or sell an automobile from or to Americans with duty-free privileges. But, they can import only one car duty free into Taiwan during their tours of duty. Exceptions to these rules are very difficult to obtain.

The market for U.S.-made cars is not as good as it was several years ago, and probably was never as good as some of the stories you have heard. Basically, the problem is one of high taxes. When a buyer on the local economy purchases a car less than one year old, he pays a tax that is equal to 100 per cent of its original cost; on one that is a year old, he pays a tax that is equal to 90 per cent of its original cost; on one that is two years old, he pays a tax that is equal to 80 per cent of its original cost; and on one that is three years or older, he pays a tax that is equal to 70 per cent of its original cost. He also pays additional tax for such car accessories as an air conditioner, a radio, power steering and power brakes. Perhaps the best way to sell a late model car is to reach the maximum number of buyers through advertisements in English language newspapers in Taipei.

There is little demand for used or over-stuffed furniture. But, local craftsmen can, at very reasonable prices, do an outstanding job of upholstering used furniture.

Additional information on selling controlled items on Taiwan can be obtained by checking the local regulations or through the HSA Provost Marshal Office.

BLACK MARKETING

Black Marketing is very much in existence on Taiwan, and certain stores on the local economy are outlets for U.S. Navy Exchange and Commissary items. First and foremost, be sure you are aware of all regulations regarding the use of these facilities. Do not abuse your privileges. **Dishonest amahs are one source of black market items. Know what you have on your shelves and let her know that you are aware of what is there.** Some people keep lists on the cupboard door and have the amah check off what she uses. This method serves two purposes: aids the wife in knowing when she needs to replenish her supplies, and maintains a running inventory of what you are supposed to have

in stock. Some of the most marketable Black Market items are: coffee, powdered milk, cigarettes, bar soap and apples.

BARBER SHOPS

Remember reading about the good old days in the United States when hair cuts and shaves cost less than a half dollar each? These out-of-the-past prices still exist at American military-operated barber shops in the Taipei area.

The Navy Exchange, Taipei, operates barber shops in the HSA West Compound, Shu Lin Kou Air Station, and Grass Mountain. These shops charge less than a dollar for a shave and hair cut. They also offer manicures, shampoos, facial massages, and shoe shines at nominal prices.

With the exception of the HSA barber shop, which is open daily, these facilities operate six days a week.

The barber shop at Taipei Air Station is operated by the Noncommissioned Officers' Open Mess and offers the same services, at about the same prices, as those of the Navy Exchange. It is open six days a week.

Barber service is also available at the MAAG open messes. The barber shops at the Main Officers' Open Mess and the MAAG Officers' Open Mess Annex operate daily. The MAAG NCO Open Mess barber shop is open daily except Monday. They offer the same services as the NEX shops. Prices are usually higher than those of the Exchange.

There are numerous Chinese-operated barber shops in the local area. They offer the same services but at slightly higher prices.

BEAUTY SHOPS

There are excellent Chinese beauty shops within easy walking and driving distance of most Taipei residential areas where Americans reside.

Skilled hair stylists offer most of the services which are found in a Stateside beauty salon and at extremely reasonable prices. A shampoo, manicure and hair set will cost less than \$2. Permanents usually cost between \$8 and \$10.

The Navy Exchange Beauty Shop is the only American military-operated beauty shop in the Taipei area. Located in the HSA West Compound, the shop is open six days a week. Highly trained hair stylists offer all the services which are normally found in a large

Stateside beauty salon, including facial and body massages. Prices are extremely reasonable. A complete beauty treatment that consists of a facial and body massage, a shampoo, hair set and manicure will cost less than \$5.

When using a beauty parlor on the local economy, it is advisable to take your own shampoo and hair spray, etc; despite the fact that you will see a number of bottles containing what you consider to be Stateside products. They are quite often refilled bottles containing local products and have been known, because of their poor quality, to cause scalp problems.

DOUBLE-TEN STORE

The Double-Ten Store, which is operated by the HSA Navy Exchange, Taipei, is located in the HSA West Compound.

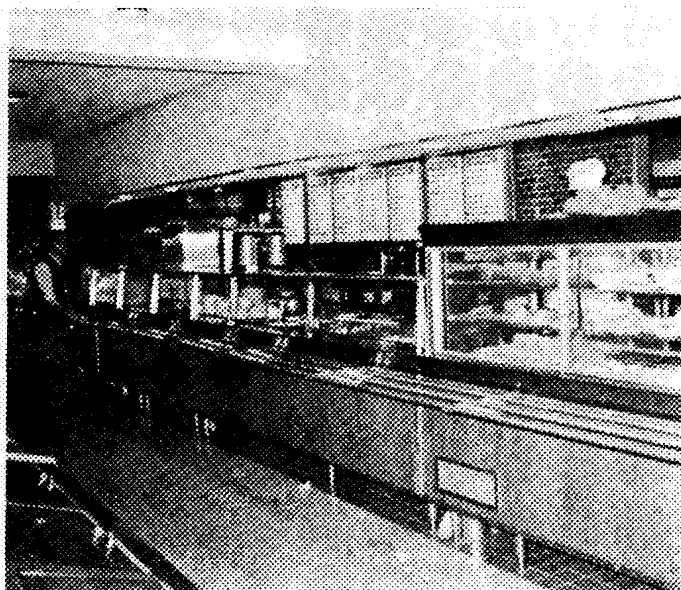
Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week (including holidays), the Double-Ten sells dairy products, cold meats, bread, a variety of snack items and a limited amount of household accessories.

The store is in operation to help authorized patrons replenish easily consumed food items (milk, bread, eggs) which cannot be purchased after the commissary closes.

There are NEX facilities in the Taipei area which sell a limited amount of dairy products and which have similar operating hours as the Double-Ten store. These are located at Tien Mou, the U.S. Navy Hospital, Taipei Air Station and Shu Lin Kou Air Station.



Dining area of the Navy Exchange Cafeteria, HSA West Compound



Serving Line of the Navy Exchange Cafeteria, Taipei

CAFETERIA

The Navy Exchange Cafeteria, which is located in the HSA West Compound, is one of the most modern in the Far East.

Completely renovated in early 1972, the cafeteria provides two complete meals daily and has a large variety of short-order items. Breakfast is available any time.

There is also a fountain section where one can order a milk shake or an ice cream sundae. A wide assortment of beverages are also available.

Open daily from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., the cafeteria has a seating capacity of 190 persons.

BEVERAGE STORE

Sale of soft drinks and beer in the Taipei area is primarily through the beverage store located next to the Double Ten store in the HSA West Compound. The store is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is operated by the HSA Navy Exchange.

An exchange ration card is required to purchase beer and soft drinks since those items are rationed. The current allowance is two cases of each per week.

Porters are available to carry beverage purchases to a patron's car, or to the main gate since taxis are not allowed on the compound. A small portage fee is required for this service.

COMMUNICATIONS

The telephone and cable service on Taiwan is considered among the best in the Orient.

A local call costs NT\$1 (U.S. 2.5 cents). Domestic long distance and overseas calls can be made by subscribers and at any of the many telephone offices located throughout the island.

Overseas telephone and cable services are operated by the Chinese Government Radio Administration.

This agency has direct overseas circuits with Oakland (and through this point to anywhere in the U.S.), Hong Kong, Tokyo, Manila, Seoul, Singapore and Naha (Okinawa). Calls are relayed from these cities to other parts of the world.

A person-to-person, three-minute minimum call to or from the United States on weekdays is NT\$480 (U.S. \$12), with NT\$160 (U.S. \$4) for each additional minute or fraction of a minute. On Sundays, the charge is NT\$360 (U.S. \$9) minimum, with an NT\$120 (U.S. \$3) per minute overtime charge.

Telegraph service is available to all points in the world. A 22-word telegram to any point in the U.S. is approximately U.S. \$7.

Active duty and retired U.S. military personnel and their dependents stationed in the Taipei area may also wish to use their Class E Communications privilege to send personal cablegrams back to the United States. Class E messages from Taiwan are sent free of charge over military circuits to a military communications center on the West Coast. Fees are collected when the message must be delivered through commercial communications companies. A 100-word Class E cablegram to the States costs \$1.70. For Taiwan, the U.S. Taiwan Defense Command Joint Communications Center, Taipei, accepts and collects fees for Class E messages for delivery.

REGISTRATION OF WEAPONS

All U.S. government-sponsored personnel in the Taipei area, which includes Shu Lin Kou Air Station, will register their weapons with the Provost Marshal Office in the HSA West Compound.

Authorized U.S. government personnel in the Taipei area may, under existing American military regulations and Chinese law, purchase their weapons through HSA.

Prior to receiving their weapons, personnel must obtain a letter of approval from their unit

commanders and then complete necessary registration forms at the Provost Marshal Office.

Selling, giving, or loaning weapons and/or ammunition, under any circumstances, to Chinese personnel, or persons not under the jurisdiction or accountable to the U.S. Department of Defense or to U.S. citizens who do not have privileges of duty free import, is strictly prohibited.

Mailing of privately owned weapons to and from Taiwan, except as part of one's household effects by the Transportation Officer, is prohibited.

The Government of the Republic of China lists weapons in two categories: Category **A**, which includes all kinds of pistols, rifles, carbines and locally-made guns; and Category **B**, which includes all types of hunting guns.

Further information on weapons can be obtained from your sponsor or new unit commander.

REPAIR SHOP

There is an appliance repair shop in the HSA West Compound which fixes everything from a TV to a toaster. There are also many repairmen on the local economy. Fortunately, repair costs are very inexpensive. However, electrical appliances seem to require more maintenance on Taiwan than in the U.S. due to surges of electrical power, misuse by amahs or being introduced to concrete floors. Many parts are available from a repair maintenance supply center in the HSA West Compound (Building No. 620).

GOOD BUYS

To say there are shopping bargains on Taiwan would be a gross understatement. According to price catalogs, some of the best buys in the world are available here.

Among the better buys at this shopping center of the Orient are:

Embroidery. This ancient art, for which China has been famous for centuries, is now being revived on Taiwan and many lovely and practical items are on the local market at extremely reasonable prices. Among them are intricately embroidered tablecloths, towels, handkerchiefs and pillowcases.

Knitware. All types of knitware, from heavy jackets to dresses, are available at various

stores at moderate prices. Taiwan knitware resembles intricate and tightly-woven crochet work.

Jade. High-quality jade from throughout the Orient and Southeast Asia can be purchased in Taiwan jewelry stores at a fraction of what it would cost in the United States. Taiwanese jade is very inexpensive.

Handwoven, handtied oriental rugs. These beautiful rugs, coveted throughout the world, can be purchased in the Taipei area at extremely reasonable prices. They are long wearing, have durable colors and are moth resistant. Handtied and handwoven rugs can be bought in almost any size, shape or pattern. They can be custom-made or they can be bought from the store's show room.

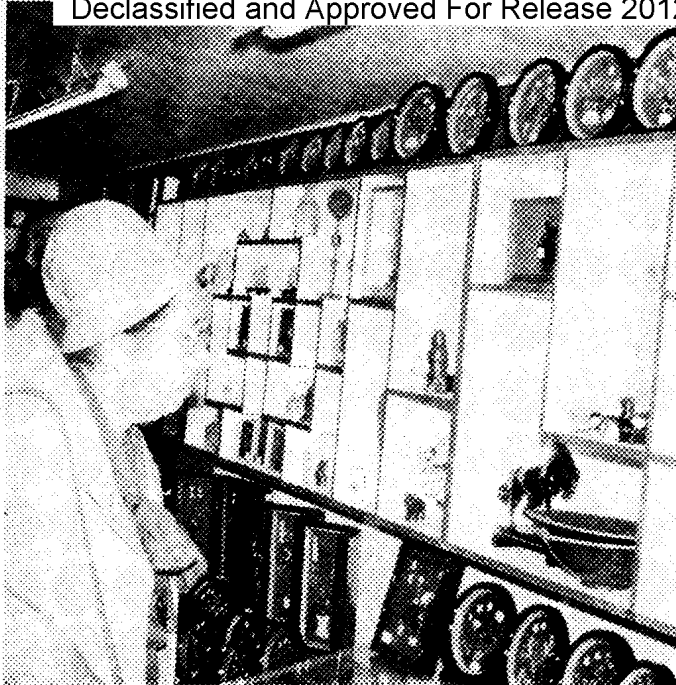
Rattan furniture. This hardy and beautiful furniture, made of bamboo from the Philippines and Indonesia, is found in a number of quality stores throughout Taiwan in all shapes and sizes. It is ideal furniture for those relaxing moments on the patio, especially during the summer months. Those who are familiar with this type of furniture back in the States will more than appreciate prices charged for Rattan furniture on Taiwan.

Coral. An excellent grade of this beautiful material from the sea can be found in the area surrounding the Penghu Islands and there are several interesting retail shops in the Taipei area where beautifully carved coral figurines, jewelry, cigarette holders and other items are on sale at reasonable prices.

Lacquerware. Trays, bowls, tables, chairs and screens are made from this attractive material. They come in interesting shapes and can be inlaid with silver, mother of pearl and various colored material. Prices for lacquerware items are about half those charged in the United States.

Ceramics. Taiwan, using some of the oldest and most ornate designs in the world, offers, at low prices, beautiful sets of dishes, vases and delicate figurines.

Teak furniture. High-grade furniture can be purchased on Taiwan for the same price you would pay for a lesser amount of average furniture made in the States. Kiln-dried teak, if cared for properly, will last several lifetimes. One note of caution: teak is much heavier than stateside furniture and can add considerably to your weight allowance.



There are numerous good buys in Taipei which range from handicraft items, left, to teak furniture

Paintings. If you want to decorate your home with oil paintings, original or copies, Taiwan is the place to do your shopping. Skilled artists, in a number of studios, will paint and frame anything you wish at prices that few Americans can pass up.

Handcarved picture frames. Handcarved picture frames, with intricate, scenic designs, can be purchased in the Taipei area in all sizes and in all types of wood. Prices are reasonable.

Brassware. Brassware in all sizes and shapes abounds in Taipei. However, buyers should remember that most Taipei shops sell brass from Thailand which is considerably thinner and less durable than the brass from India. Also, if they reside in the Peitou or Grass Mountain residential areas, their brass, even if treated, can become pitted because of the large amount of sulphur fumes in the atmosphere. They should also be aware that brass bought in Taiwan could require some cleaning and polishing since the brass treatment process is usually substandard and is not very durable. Because of faulty electrical wiring, brass lamp stands purchased on the local market are always a risky buy. Most Americans buy electrical wiring from the Navy Exchange and either install it themselves or they have the NEX or a civilian electrical repair shop do it for them. Still, for decorative and practical uses, brassware is Taiwan's most durable and beautiful bargain.

Dress shops. Dress shops, which are within

easy driving or walking distance from most American homes in the Taipei area, have excellent seamstresses who will make any type of women's clothing — from cocktail dresses to coats, from casual wear to bathing suits. The cost of this tailor made service is minimal in comparison with prices charged for the same type of ready-made service in the States. Like the men's tailor shops, they offer their customers the latest fashion catalogs from which they choose the style they desire. Most dress shops also make excellent tailor-made robes, pajamas and other special clothing for small children. Instead of using any of the wide assortment of material which is available at the dress shops, most American housewives prefer to purchase their material, including thread, buttons, ribbon and zippers at the U.S. Navy Exchange. A dress, which will normally require only one fitting, can be made and be ready for pickup within one week. Cocktail dresses, coats and formal attire, which will require two and three fittings, can be made and be ready for pickup within 10 to 14 days. An excellent souvenir for American women to purchase is a tailor made chi pao, also known (in Cantonese) as cheong-sam. This distinctively Chinese style dress, which features hand embroidery, is form-fitting and has a skirt slit at the sides. A chi pao that might cost you the price of a good hi-fi set at home can be tailored here for about as much as you would pay for a new automobile battery.

Women's shoes. Women's custom-made shoes, any style, can be inexpensively made at numerous shoe stores throughout the Taipei area. A cloth-covered pair of shoes, to match a woman's ensemble, costs between \$5 and \$10 and is ready for pickup 3-5 days after the initial fitting.

Glassware. Handblown glassware, from small, delicate figurines to large vases, are inexpensive and can be bought at most arts and crafts shops scattered throughout the Taipei area. Many Americans, when buying their quality glassware, prefer to do their shopping at a glassware factory in Hsin-chu, a one hour drive south from Taipei.

Tailor shops. Quality men's tailor shops are within easy walking or driving distance from most U.S. military organizations in the downtown Taipei area and one is located in the U.S. Navy Exchange. Men can be fitted for reasonably priced custom-made civilian attire or uniforms. To help customers with their selections, most shops offer them the latest fashion catalogs by which they may choose any style they desire. Although most tailor shops can offer a wide-range of quality material, Americans prefer to purchase their material, including a better grade thread, zippers and buttons, from the U.S. Navy Exchange. You can, from some tailors, have a suit made and ready for pickup in 24 hours. However, the results may reflect the speedy craftsmanship. A great percentage of tailor shops, especially those who take great pride in their work and reputation, will require several fittings for a suit or uniform and a week to 10 days is considered a reasonable completion time for those who wish to wear fine fitting, nice looking clothes. Tailor-made shirts, in all styles, are inexpensive and can be made in a few days. Men who wear odd-sized clothing are cautioned to bring a supply of ready-made clothing with them since most Chinese tailors seem to have only regular-size craftsmanship.

Postal, Customs Regulations

Personnel desiring to mail gift items back to the U.S., especially jewelry, should become familiar with postal and customs regulations since merchandise that costs more than \$10 is no longer duty free. However, all types of jewelry, clothing and household items purchased

in the Republic of China can be shipped back to the United States duty free upon your permanent change of station (PCS) move. In addition to being sent back to the States in your household goods and hold baggage, jewelry can, with your PCS orders, be carried back to the States duty free on your person and in accompanying luggage. But, it must still be declared upon your arrival in the U.S. Additional information on customs regulations which pertain to the shipment of household and personal goods can be obtained by contacting the HSA Customs Officer, HSA Provost Marshal Office, HSA West Compound.

Shopping Tips

Before beginning a shopping spree, newcomers should check with their friends and co-workers for the names of those stores they should do business with and what precautions they should take during their bargain-hunting safaris.

They should also become proficient in the delicate art of haggling. Here are a few guidelines to follow in practicing this ritual:

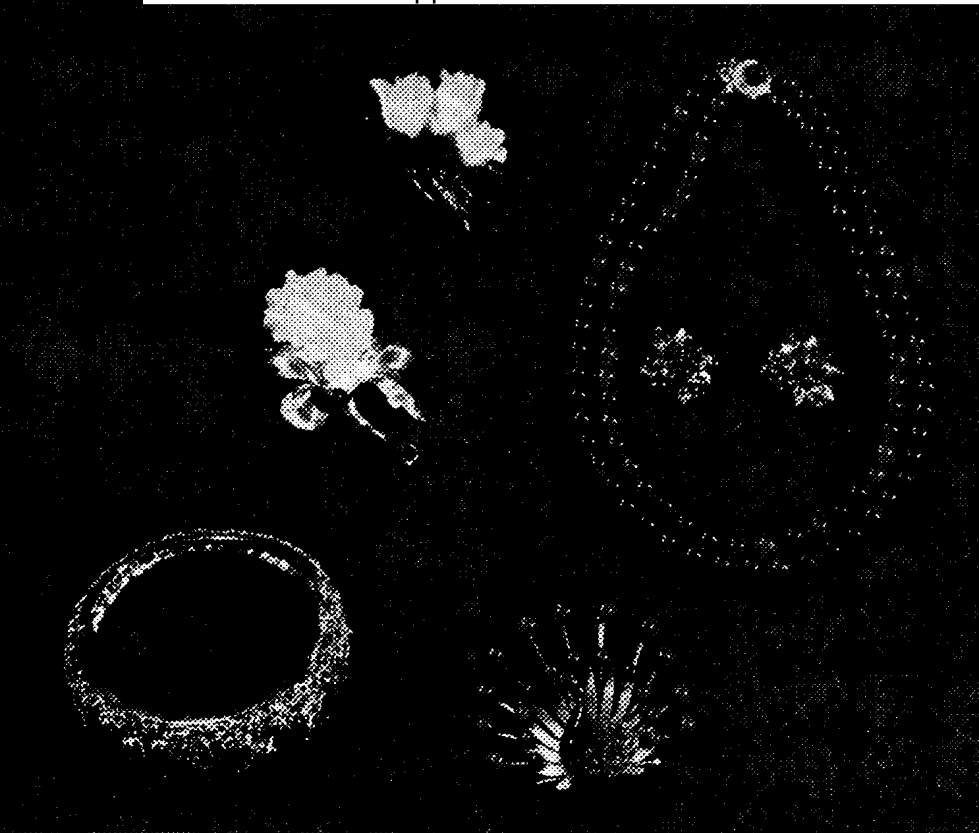
Never make the mistake of buying at the first price set by the shopkeeper. He doesn't like the idea and the purchaser is missing a lot of fun.

Never noticeably admire something you really want. Ignore it until you have looked at everything in the shop, then casually inquire about the cost of a number of items, including the one you want.

Offer half the asking price and if the shopkeeper reduces his price a bit, raise your offer until you reach the figure you will pay and agree on. Then buy it. If the shopkeeper doesn't come down on his price, walk out. He may follow you some and haggle some more. But, if he doesn't, return later.

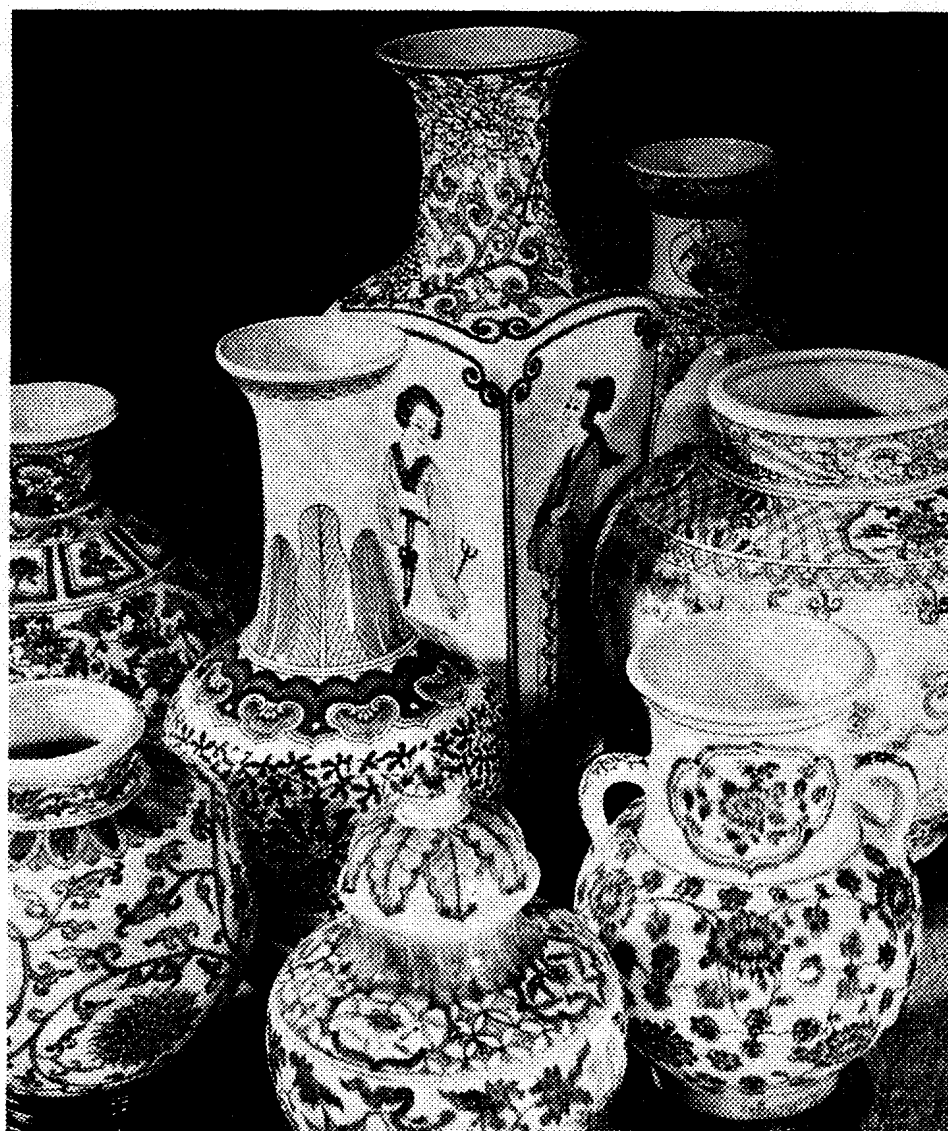
Haggling is expected by the shopkeeper. If a customer doesn't, the seller doesn't respect him and, of course, the buyer pays a fantastic price.

An interesting place to practice the art of haggling is "Junk Street" or "Haggle Alley" in Taipei's Shih Men Ting shopping district. The strip of second-hand curio shops has everything imaginable from all parts of the world. Shops are filled with old vases, figurines in jade and ivory, old scrolls, furniture from China, Japan and India and sometimes an odd piece of furniture from Holland or England.



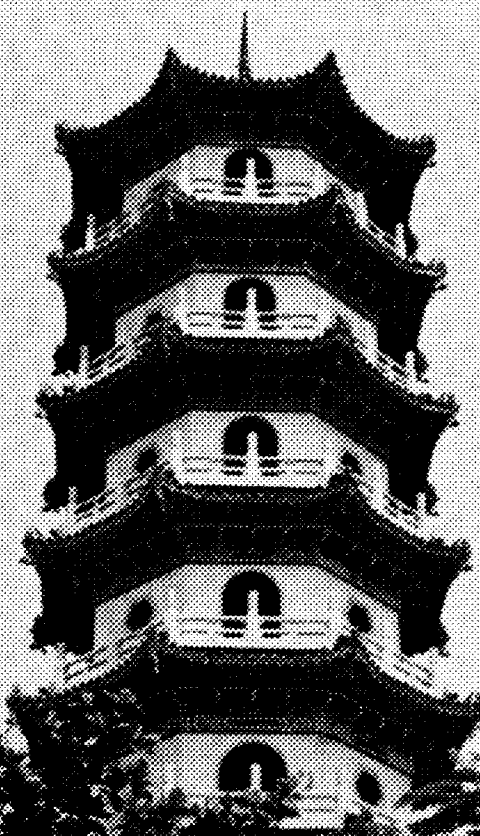
Taiwan costume jewelry made of coral, jade or mother of pearl deserves its place in fine craftsmanship

Beautiful ceramic vases of different shapes can be purchased at reasonable prices.



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TAIWAN CURRENCY

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The basic monetary unit of Taiwan is the "New Taiwan Dollar", more commonly called "NT Dollar" or simply "NT". It is printed in paper denominations of NT\$5, NT\$10, NT\$50, and NT\$100. Coins used are the NT\$1 and 50NT cent pieces. The official conversion rate is NT\$40 to one U.S. dollar.

CONVERSION AND RESTRICTIONS

To help alleviate the gold outflow, certain points have been designated for use by U.S. Government personnel to convert U.S. dollars to NT dollars. In the Taipei area, these are: *American Express Co., Navy Exchange and all U.S. operated open messes and clubs.*

USE

U.S. currency is used at U.S. government and service operated establishments. All transactions with Chinese Nationals, including hotel bills and shopping purchases, are payable *only in NT Dollars.*

RECONVERSION

There are no provisions for officially reconvert NT dollars to U.S. dollars, so caution should be exercised to exchange only the amount of dollars you expect to use.

SAMPLE CURRENCY VALUES

Rate: NT\$40 to U.S. \$1.00

NT\$	US\$	NT\$	US\$
1	.02½	40	1.00
5	.12½	50	1.25
10	.25	100	2.50

KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SYSTEM

Telephone services in the Taipei area include the use of both commercial (TTA) and military (TME) lines. To obtain the Taipei Military Exchange (TME), dial 712111, 712121, or 712131. To obtain information on TTA or commercial numbers, dial TTA 316796.

Numbers of Key Personnel

USTDC

Commander	TME 2370, 2380	TTA 544308
Chief of Staff	TME 2380	TTA 544308
Public Affairs Officer	TME 2350, 3675	TTA 544616
Protocol	TME 2382, 2366	TTA 547007

HQ MAAG

Chief MAAG	TTA 776689
Chief of Staff, MAAG	TTA 775153
Protocol	TTA 772573
Information Officer	TTA 775259

U.S. ARMY FORCES TAIWAN

Chief of Staff

TTA 770832

327TH AIR DIVISION

Commander

TME 2160

Vice Commander

TME 2161

Protocol

TME 2161

Information Officer

TME 2054

AIRLINES

Air Asia

TTA 555121

Air Canada

TTA 557221-7

Air Vietnam

TTA 770131

British Overseas Airways Corporation

TTA 517211

Canadian Pacific Airlines

TTA 517211

Cathay Pacific Airways

TTA 517211

China Air Lines

TTA 571111

Northwest Orient

TTA 555951

Pan American Airways

TTA 548384

Trans World Airways

TTA 513151

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Provost Marshal

TME 3124

HSA Duty Officer

TME 2761, 2762

TTA 547095

American Red Cross

TME 2781

Naval Hospital

TME 3575, 3576, 3577

TTA 875711

GENERAL INFORMATION NUMBERS

USTDC Staff Duty NCO

TTA 544307

USTDC Command Center

TME 2352, 2379

Hq. MAAG Duty Officer

TTA 775153

U.S. Military Air Terminal (MAC Passenger Service)

TME 2358, 2386

Joint Overseas Switchboard

TME 44-0

MAAG Officers' Club

TTA 547724

MAAG Officers' Club Annex

TTA 716885

Navy Exchange

TTA 579286

Military Taxi

TME 2840, 2841

Club 63 (NCO Open Mess)

TTA 545172

Linkou Club Annex

TTA 546294

HSA Special Services

TME 2581

TTA 516004

The American Express Co.

TTA 556983

Embassy Shop

TTA 548001

HOTELS

Angel

TTA 519133

Ambassador

TTA 551151

Asia

TTA 557275

Central

TTA 515171

Diamond

TTA 559904

Empress

TTA 556968

First

TTA 548234

Grand

TTA 555155

Imperial	TTA 555111
Kennedy	TTA 557231
Kings	TTA 555971
Linkou	TTA 559138
Mandarin	TTA 551201
New Asia	TTA 517181
Oasis	TTA 551815
Olympic	TTA 515251
President	TTA 551251
Roma	TTA 533141
Taiwan	TTA 553171
Union	TTA 559211
Universal Grand	TTA 545830

CLUBS AND FACILITIES

CLUBS

*MAAG OFFICERS' CLUB

Hours: Monday thru Friday the Dining Room is open for breakfast from 6:30 a.m. — 10 a.m.; lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and dinner from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, the dining room is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Overall club operation is 6:30 a.m. — 11:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday; 6:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m. — 1:30 a.m., Saturday; and 7 a.m. thru 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

*MAAG OFFICERS' CLUB ANNEX

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**MAAG NCO CLUB (CLUB 63)

Hours: Overall club operation, including the serving hours of the Dining Room, is from 7:30 a.m. to 12 midnight, Sunday — Thursday; 7:30 a.m. — 2 a.m., Friday, Saturday, and days before Holidays.

CLASS VI STORE

American Embassy Shop

Hours: 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
and Saturday

12 noon — 6 p.m.

Friday

CLOSED

Sunday

A limited amount of package goods may be purchased on TDY orders

***NAVY EXCHANGE AND COMMISSARY

Hours: 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

10 a.m. — 8 p.m.

Thursday

9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Saturday

CLOSED

Sunday

DOUBLE-TEN STORE (Small Food Store)

Hours: 10 a.m. — 10 p.m. Daily

POST OFFICE (APO 96263, HSA EAST COMPOUND)

Hours: 10 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday

10 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Saturday

U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, TAIPEI.

Military Sick Call — Monday thru Friday, 8-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m.

HSA BILLETING OFFICE (HSA WEST COMPOUND)

Certification of non-availability of U.S. government quarters and additional information on quarters for transient personnel can be obtained at the administration office around the clock.

*Coat and tie required after 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Coat and tie required after 7 p.m. on Saturday in Main Dining Room only.

***There is a Snack Bar and a small Exchange Store at Sung Shan ROCAB, MAC Passenger Terminal. The operating hours of the facilities are 6:30 a.m. — 11 p.m. daily and during scheduled flight times.

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臺北航空站 (羅斯福路四段)

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美國武官處

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國防部

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

外交部

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國防部聯絡局

HQ Support Activity

美國海軍供應處

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Navy Exchange

美國海軍福利社

Shu Lin Kou Air Station

林口航空站

NAMRU-2

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USIS

美國新聞處

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鑽石飯店

Kings Hotel

京華飯店

Asia Hotel

泛亞飯店

Ta Tung Guest House (Liberty House)

大同之家 (自由之家)

Olympic Hotel

奧林匹克飯店

Taiwan Hotel
臺灣飯店
Imperial Hotel
華國飯店
Central Hotel
中央飯店
Empress Hotel
帝后飯店
New Asia Hotel
新亞飯店

Union Hotel
聯合飯店
First Hotel
第一飯店
Oasis Hotel
綠州飯店
Kennedy Hotel
甘迺迪飯店
Roma Hotel
羅馬飯店

CLUBS AND FACILITIES

MAAG Officers' Club
美軍軍官俱樂部
HQ MAAG Annex Officers' Club
美軍軍官俱樂部分部 (信義路三段)
Navy Exchange
美海軍合作社 (中山北路三段)
Navy Commissary
美海軍食品供應中心

MAAG NCO Club
北安路63俱樂部
Linkou Club (NCO)
林口俱樂部
Embassy Shop — Class VI
美國大使館供應處
Navy Hospital
美國海軍醫院 (石牌)

TRAVEL

Sung Shan Air Base (Military Airport)
松山基地 (軍用機場)
Taipei International Airport
臺北國際機場

Taipei Railway Station
臺北火車站

AIRLINES

Air Asia
亞洲航空公司
Air Canada
加拿大航空公司
Air Vietnam
越南航空公司
British Overseas Airways Corporation
英國海外航空公司
Canadian Pacific Airlines
加拿大太平洋航空公司

Cathay Pacific Airway
國泰航空公司
China Air Lines
中華航空公司
Northwest Orient
西北航空公司
Pan American Airway
泛美航空公司
Trans World Airways
環球航空公司

FURNITURE

New Royal Furniture Co. — 452 Won Lin Road, Shihlin, TTA 883173
森宏義傢俱行 士林文林路452號
Pacific House Ltd — 86-1 Chung Shan N. Road, Section 2, TTA 549197
皇家木業公司 中山北路2段86之1號
Johnson Yu Furnishings — 3 Min Chuan W. Road, TTA 546025
國華公司 民權西路3號
Mandarin House — 146 Chung Shan N. Road, Section 2, TTA 543075
金山木業藝品有限公司 中山北路2段146號

Ricardo Lynn — 7-1 Lan Ya Li, Tien Mou, TTA 882143

僑大木業有限公司 天母蘭雅里7—1號

K. Wee & Co. Furniture — 222 Chung Cheng Road, Shihlin, TTA 882692

啓偉木業有限公司 士林中正路222號

Majestic Furniture — 131 Chung Shan North Road, Section 2, TTA 540682

美宜傢俱有限公司 中山北路2段131號

Cathay House Furniture — 649 Lin-Sen N. Road, TTA 572001

毅中傢俱有限公司 林森北路649號

BRASS

George & Sidney Brass Works — 170-1 Chung Shan North Road, Section 2, TTA 546800

金龍手工藝品有限公司 中山北路2段170號之1

Mandarin House — 146 Chung Shan N. Road, Section 2, TTA 543075

金山木業藝品有限公司 中山北路2段146號

POTTERY

Taiwan Lamp & Handicraft Center — 172 Chung Shan N. Road, Section 2, TTA 547470

臺灣燈公司 中山北路2段172號

China Pottery & Porcelain Art Co. — 64 Nanking E. Road, Section 2, TTA 542285

中華陶瓷公司 南京東路2段64號

China Pottery & Porcelain Co. (factory) — 6 Chung Yang 5 Rd., Sec. 2, Peitou, TTA 892285

中華陶瓷廠 北投中央五路6號

UNIFORM CAPS

Van Brothers Cap Factory — 74 Roosevelt Road, Section 1, TTA 22419

上海兄弟帽廠 臺北羅斯福路1段74號

HANDICRAFT

Formosa Souvenir Co. — 3 Chung Shan N. Road, Sec. 3, TTA 540575

福壽禮品公司 中山北路3段3號

Cathay Handicraft Center — 130 Min Chuan East Road, Taipei, TTA 559755

泰安手工藝中心 民權東路130號

Taipei Handicraft Center — 118 Sung Kiang Road, Taipei

臺北手工藝中心 松江路118號

China House — Chung Shan N. Road, Section 3

中國藝品館 中山北路3段底

RETSER Products — 22 Nanking E. Road, Sec. 2

榮民產品供銷中心 南京東路2段22號

Taiwan Handicraft Promotion Center — Chung Shan South Road

臺灣手工藝推廣中心 福州街11之2號

E-E Handicraft — 10 Tai An Street, Taipei

乙一公司 泰安街10號

Han Palace Handicraft — 24 Sung Kiang Road, Taipei, TTA 541657

漢宮藝品中心 松江路24號

MAAG Officers' Wives Club Boutique Shop — HSA West Compound

美軍顧問團軍官太太俱樂部商店 海軍供應中心西營區

RUGS

Honor Rug Co. — 31 Chung Shan North Road, Section 2, TTA 542519

中壢地毯工廠 中山北路2段31號

Peking Rug Co. — 40 Chung Shan North Road, Section 2, TTA 540044

燕京地毯公司 中山北路2段40號

Taiwan Rug Mfg. Co. — 37-9 Chung Shan N. Rd., Section 2, TTA 541851

臺灣地毯公司 中山北路2段37之9號

FABRIC

Hsiang Tai Fabric Shop — 63-5 Hung Yang Road, Taipei, TTA 334462

翔泰綢緞公司 衡陽街63—65號

Siang Tsi Silk Weaving Co. — 50-7 Tai Lin Road, Tsi Shan, TTA 977374

祥泰絲織廠 臺北縣泰山鄉泰林路50號之7

JADE

Shen Cheong Jewelry Co. — 59 Hung Yang Road, Taipei, TTA 62784

慎昌銀樓 衡陽街59號

Wan Dah Jade Factory — 24-68 Lee, Shih Lar, Shihlin, TTA 882431

萬達貿易有限公司 士林外雙溪臨溪里24之68號

BATIKS

Leland Art House — 31 Chung Shan North Road, Sec. 3, TTA 541609

凌雲藝苑 中山北路3段31號

Batik Cottage — 2 Nanking East Road, Sec. 3, TTA 552401

新雅工藝社 南京路3段2號

House of Stone Rubbing — 136 Min Chuan E. Rd., Taipei, TTA 554439

六福美術工藝 民權東路136號

WOOLEN KNIT FACTORY

Acme Mill — 95 Nanking East Road, Section 3, TTA 558996

艾克密公司 南京東路3段95號

DEPARTMENT STORES

First Department Store — Intersection of Chung Hua Road and Han Kow Road

第一百貨公司 中華路漢口街轉角

Far East Department Store — Yung Shui Road

遠東百貨公司 永綏路

Overseas Chinese Department Store — Intersection of Chengtu Rd. & Han Chung Rd.

華僑百貨公司 成都路漢中街轉角

RESTAURANTS — NIGHT CLUBS

Hoover Theater Restaurant (Reservations) — No. 21-23 Fu Shiung St., TTA 557171-6

豪華酒店 撫順街21—23號

Central Theater Restaurant (Reservations) — No. 120 Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 2, TTA 553164-6

中央飯店 中山北路2段120號

Retser Restaurant — 22 Nanking East Road, Section 2

欣欣餐廳 南京東路2段22號

Fung Lum Restaurant (Cantonese) — 72 Lin Shan N. Rd., TTA 518504

楓林小館 林森北路72號

Omei Restaurant (Szechwan) — 109 Chung Ching S. Rd., 1st Section, TTA 338254

峨嵋川菜餐廳 重慶南路1段109號

Choicest Restaurant (Szechwan) — 136 Nanking E. Road, Sec. 3, TTA 710656

千大餐廳 南京東路3段136號

Ruby Restaurant (Cantonese) — 135 Chung Shan S. Rd., Sec. 2, TTA 571157

紅寶石粵菜酒店 中山北路2段135號

The Grand, President, Ambassador, and Mandarin Hotels have entertainment nightly and feature both Western and Chinese cuisine.

SIGHTSEEING

1. The National Palace Museum

故宮博物院 (外雙溪)

— Wai Shuang Shi, House Art treasures from the Peiping Palace Museum. 20 minutes drive from the city, 1-2 hours visiting time.

2. Grass Mountain Park

陽明山公園

— Yangmingshan, 30 minutes drive from Taipei, Lawn areas, gardens, restaurant, shaded walks and a waterfall. Scenic beauty for photographers.

3. Lungshan Temple

龍山寺 (西園路)

— Hsi-yuan Road in Wan Hua district, known as the Temple of Dragon Hill, Lungshan is Taipei's most famous Buddhist Temple. Over 200 years old. Cameras welcome.

4. Taipei Mosque

清真寺 (新生南路)

— Hsin Sun South Road, Section 2. A startling contrast to Taipei's Buddhist Temples. Visitors permitted.

5. Confucianist Temple

孔子廟 (蘭州街)

— Lan Chow Street, 6 blocks behind MAAG Officers' Club. A tranquil compound containing majestic buildings and garden. Dedicated to the Father of Oriental ethics and philosophy.

6. Municipal Zoo

臺北圓山動物園

— One block north of Officers' Club. A relaxed atmosphere that is definitely Chinese, containing a good variety of mammals, reptiles, birds and fish. A performing animal show is held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and again at 3:30 p.m.

7. The Snake Restaurant

蛇肉餐館 (圓環)

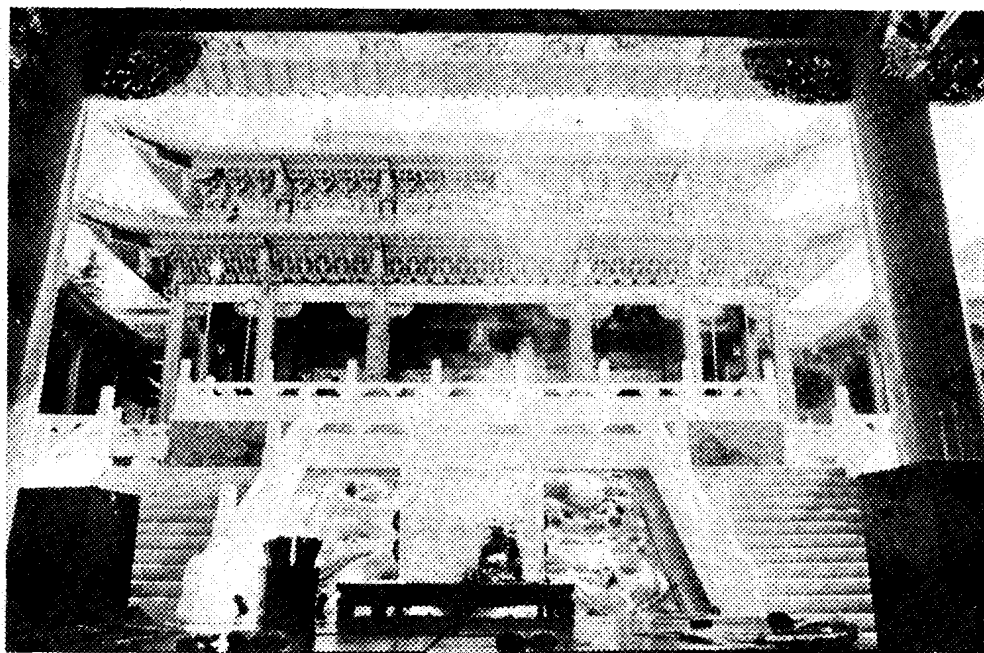
— Just south of the Nanking Circle Restaurant. Snake liver and snake soups served on the spot. Snake skins and handbags for sale. Caged live snakes of all varieties.

8. Suan Lien Market Section

民生路雙連市場

— Along Min Shen Road, which runs westerly next to the Mackay Hospital. A true cross-section of the Orient. On this street you may see an idol factory, a Chinese chiropractor at work, strangely-shaped fish for sale, and sometimes a performing magician or artist on the street.

9. **Haggler's Alley**
中華路商場
 - Chung Hua Shiang Ch'ang. Built along the railroad tracks to replace slum housing, this semicircle of small but modern shops features merchandise of great variety.
10. **Shih Men Ting**
西門町
 - Between Haggler's Alley and the Tam Sui River. Largest and most concentrated shopping area of Taipei. Bargains in watches, footwear, and many small items.
11. **Theater District**
電影鬧區
 - By the Great World Theater. A most impressive sight at night.
12. **The Botanical Garden**
南海路植物園
 - Nan Hai Road. Collection of sub-tropical and tropical plants. About 15 minutes drive from HQ MAAG. 20 minute visit.
13. **The National Historical Museum**
南海路歷史博物館
 - Nan Hai Road. Collection of ancient Chinese Art. 15 minute drive from HQ MAAG. 30 minute visit.
14. **The National Science Hall**
南海路科學館
 - Nan Hai Road. Various exhibitions of scientific specimens and models. Takes about 15 minutes to drive, and 30 minutes visiting time.
15. **Green Lake**
碧潭
 - 20 minutes driving time. Summer resort with swimming and boating.



The Confucius Temple at Sun Moon Lake, the largest of its kind in Taiwan

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